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THE FORWARD MOVEMENT

THE CHRISTIAN IDEAL

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The pages of history disclose no life lived quite so perfectly as the life of Jesus. He is recognized as the one perfect personality who because of His sinless life had a perfect knowledge of the Father's will. His life stands out above all others in that He had complete access to the Father and that His love encompassed all. It reached upward unto God and outward unto His fellowmen. Men and women must seek to emulate the spirit of Jesus, to incarnate the love of God in human flesh and institutions day by day. The pattern God has given us is the spirit of the life of Jesus. He is the Christian ideal.

The highest aim and ideal sacred to the life of every human being should be the development of the powers which lie within him, that he may attain in his own life that perfection which God would have his life realize. Truly does nature joy when growing and coming to perfection. How we love to watch the tiny growth push its little head up out of its earthy prison into the sunshine and the air where it may come to its fullest bloom and shed its brightness out of sheer joy that it may add a bit of earth's glory that gave it birth, and live! How oft the lily white mirrors the face of God! The dumb creations of the soil seem to want to become bigger and better. It must be realized that the holiest work in which a human being may engage is the perfection of his own life and the lives of others. It can be well understood, then, how, enthralled with this ideal set by Jesus, that sacrifices can be made and lives be given that men see the very "image of God" incarnate.

The life of Jesus was a life of the purest self-surrender. The whole of it breathed the spirit of His last hours, when He said, "Not my will, but Thine be done." This spirit has taken form in human flesh and blood in men who realize that all is but a trust from God, in such personalities as David Livingstone, who said, "I will place no value on anything I have or may possess except in relation to the Kingdom of Christ." 'Tis the unselfish life wholly consecrated to surrender itself to the will of God.

That the leaders of the Reformed Church have come to see the vision of the Christian Ideal for the whole Church is being realized. The expanding moral consciousness will give no rest till satisfied in doing the will of God as interpreted in men's minds. The awakening God consciousness, the love of God in men's hearts, leaves them in hopeless unrest until they do something, until they answer the vision of the hour. Added vision means increased responsibility. The stirring call of these momentous times comes to every child of God in no uncertain terms. This simmering spirit of restlessness for united action asserted itself on that sixth day of March last. General Synod was moved as never before. That the spirit of the living God was present in power is manifest. Some say it was a veritable Pentecost. Out of that hour came the Forward Movement of the Reformed Church—the answer of the Reformed Church to the call of the times.

The pessimist says the world is not growing better. If this is true, how can we account for the fact in the past few years of the noble responses of men and women in blood and money for a great cause to make the world a better place in which to live? Such actions bespeak the spirit of Jesus in men's hearts which the occasion of the challenge for the supreme sacrifice in struggle called forth. Can there be greater proof of an expanding God consciousness in the minds and hearts of men, an ever-increasing zeal to emulate the unselfish spirit of Jesus, whether this action be interpreted as such or not? So long as men and women keep eyes fixed steadily on the

goal of the Christian Ideal, the person of Jesus, they cannot sink into pessimism and despair of life and its purpose.

Will our Reformed Church realize the Christian Ideal? Can every unit of her fiber be shot through and through with the spirit of the men of March? Are her constituents thinking prayerfully of her great ideal? A sentence came to hand recently from a very prominent layman of the Reformed Church which questioned whether even all of those men closest to the greatest venture of faith which our Church has ever made, fully realized the magnitude and importance of what had been undertaken. That sentence was full of meaning. It opened the way into the deeper recesses of that man's vision of the Reformed Church triumphant, the becoming Church as it is to be as seen through the eyes of the thoughtful layman. And it gave eloquent testimony to prayerful thought upon the denomination and its bounden relation to the world in which it finds itself. It is through the vision of such splendid spirits as this consecrated layman that God will lead us forward. This layman has the spirit of the Christian Ideal which must permeate every fiber of our community of believers in Jesus Christ. Our Church is an ever-growing, ever-expanding, ever-becoming Church. The dream is not too large to conceive of every member within her bounds thinking in terms of that ideal which the Church should realize. The spirit of the pioneers of the Forward Movement can and will permeate every unit of the Church, and every agency must allow that same spirit of God to enter its life.

Some suggest that the vision has not been clearly defined. Different degrees of faith and consecration will differ as to just what it is. Is it not a call to the hearts of the Church to make a great stride forward to meet the spiritual needs of the world in this sector of the Kingdom? Incidentally the life of the Church will be deepened, her membership increased, her work enlarged. Is this and other similar movements not a great spiritual awakening to balance, as it were, the material progress of the world? The Church must not fail to keep constantly before the world's eye a vision of God. As the vision becomes clearer and clearer, the love of God in men's hearts must naturally respond and be obedient to the vision.

The Church of Jesus Christ is face to face with the greatest opportunity which has ever confronted her. She must apply the spiritual balm to a war-wounded world. Through all the pending upheavals she must seek the mountain-tops and reassure men from time to time that God still rules and that He cares. The evolving mass of human kind must be leavened with the spirit of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. The Church must hold before this world, in which she finds herself a mighty force, a vision of God no less than that given to us in the Son. Each person and each institution must be made to feel the holiness of their lives. Men of vision must be lamps unto the feet of their fellows, illuminating the way unto the victorious life in Jesus Christ, the Christian Ideal.

The Reformed Church must now be guided by those men of vision who caught the spirit at the General Synod in March. And that vision must percolate unto the lives of every member throughout the Church. All must see the vision; all must feel the power that moved the assembly at Altoona. Vision and consecration go hand in hand; and when the problem is stated in clearest phrases and the best in men is challenged to move a step forward toward the Christian Ideal, then must naturally follow a whole-hearted co-operative movement unto the accomplishment of that great purpose.

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What Makes You Warm?

DON'T blame it all on the sun. True, he provides the physical stimuli. But look around you on the earth. Locate and identify those reflecting agents, those conducting media that, having received rays, direct them, focussed and concentrated, against your surfaces. They range all the way from the mirror, stealing from the school-boy's pocket, to the city street's expanse of cobble stones. Such injunction as you might secure against old Sol might lack the effectiveness credited to Joshua's. But, though you cannot control the source of the heating beams, you can often arrange such a relationship between your body and the various objects that transmit them as to reduce their discomforting effects. Even the cow can follow the shade around the tree. Certainly YOU can keep your bedroom blinds drawn against the shafts of afternoon.

But your protective equipment is more elaborate than the cow's. This special human increment is hard to define. But it's real. Without it Mrs. Eddy would have died unwealthy and unwept. You feel its force in that bromidic paradox in almost universal use: "I don't mind the heat half so much when I'm working as when I'm sitting around trying to keep cool." Milton enounced this truth in extreme form and with slightly more of geographical reference when he sang:

"The mind is its own place and in itself
Can make a Heaven of Hell, a Hell of Heaven."

We can do something better than to arrange our environment for self-cooling purposes. Indeed we can't always do that. Even when the spring house or soda fountain are accessible, duty points out the binder-seat or the four-flight climb to the stuffy rooms of sickness. Then looms the issue. Will the heat smother the zest out of your work? Or will your work sprinkle the scorch out of the heat? YOU have that to decide. God has made YOU the final factor of control. Might not a hot day even be personally welcomed as the bearer of an opportunity to show who's boss around that house you call your life—you or the sun-ray on the roof? Might it not often be discovered that man himself is not the antagonist but the chief ally of the natural force that rolls or rubs against him? You are not doomed to "sweat and grunt under a weary life" unless you choose to surrender your mental home and connive at its being made a sty, unless, i.e., you let yourself be made wretchedly warm.

Now there's another sense in which you wax warm. "Hot under the collar" is a phrase, both current and expressive. Summer, supplying as it does, analogies of physical heat, is a fitting time to consider this other type of warmth. If hot WEATHER thins the ranks of worshippers, infects workers with spring fever's complications and thwarts the Will of Christ, the same for Winter and Summer, Spring and Fall, what shall we say of those hot EMOTIONS that now smoulder, now flame out against your fellowmen? Grasp your own Church firmly in mind and briefly compare the time and energy spent in nursing, expressing and healing personal resentments, in pushing and pacifying factional feuds with that expended in actually pressing the positive enterprises of the Kingdom. Then enlarge your comparison so as to include the whole Church Militant and extend it over family, school and business life. How little of real difference of thought has there been and what an endlessness of irritated, aggravated, embittered, murderous personal feelings, resulting from someone here or there growing warm over some usually fancied private slight, and then beginning to sweat and fume and smoke!

Tell us. How do you get that way? What makes you warm? "So-and-so said this, did that behind my back, failed to recognize me on the street or to invite me to her party, ridiculed my clothes, reflected on my honesty." Is So-and-so then responsible for your overheatedness? No more than, a moment ago, we found the sun to be. Even more obviously in this case do you have from God the

power to shift your position with reference to annoying and provoking factors? To do this is often to find that you have not been sparing *your* contribution to "the late unpleasantness."

But there are times when no evading is possible to conscience. Moreover chafings and collisions come sometimes quite unexpectedly. Shall we let them make us warm? How prevent it. How overcome your so-called "natural human sensitiveness?" God doesn't require or want you to overcome but to direct it. Your trouble is that you (and mine that I) grow sensitive, almost exclusively about things affecting us personally, while the great wrongs inflicted upon others, considered singly or en masse, leave us quite cool. One bestows upon you or me a withering look, an incendiary word and we're ablaze for a week. Prairie fires of organized greed char and consume the vitality and honor of men and women, the purity of youth, the souls of cities, and we read yester scores and lap ice cream.

A man, extremely sensitive personally, gave quite unwittingly some suggestion of how he fought and overcame this weakness: "Who is weak and I am not weak? Who is offended and I burn not?" His secret was the life of Another, One who raged against the exploiters of His people yet endured, unruffled, insult, cord and thorn.

Were you and I so interested in Christ's work of justice as to burn with indignation at every wrong wrought upon His "little ones" and blaze with eagerness to right it, how much fury would we have left to vent upon stray invaders of our dignity?

Should we not correlate with the great project of our Church, an individual Forward Movement? And should not this be among the impelling conviction of our advance? "No one can insult me but myself. Only I can really hurt myself. No one or nothing that affects me only can make me warm. For against the wrongs that bruise and stifle others, do I burn. God help me, ever more consumingly to burn against them with His fire!"

D. D.

EDITORIAL

SUMMER AND SOLIDARITY

The heat of summer is severe upon some of those artificial niceties of convention which so much engage us and so disastrously hamper our work. Starched collars are melted and with them some of those rigid barriers that have kept Christians apart. Stripped off perforce are many vestments that hide the human in us from each other.

The open-air Sunday evening union service is making its way into communities where Church co-operation was long a subject of despair. The common sense of it is irresistible. Aside from all consideration of comfort, it carries the Church united out from its various and separate little armories, out toward where the godless are pacing the evening streets unsatisfied. Many of these will be halted, some of them impressed by the challenge of those who speak boldly for Christ right out where the many move. And upon the Churches themselves there is bound to be a reaction that will bring a finer sense of interdenominational comradeship and a firmer conviction that the Church will triumph.

Of similar effect within our own communion are the Summer Missionary Conferences. The very refuge they afford from heat and smudge, from everyday work and worry, make us more genial of heart, more liberal of mind, more friend-seeking. And from other communities and Churches, vexed with problems much like ours, come friends to meet us half-way. Experienced and efficient men are there to lead and teach, but they are there as brethren. Distinctions of position, society, wealth, theology, even age, how long do they last in these glad retreats? Levelled they are before God's beautiful nature, God's joyful gift of fellowship, God's summoning task.

D. D.

THE CITIZEN'S COMMENCEMENT

June after June, a portion of the community, shamefully small, resorts to the portals of the American School. It consists of the families and near friends of the graduates and a few others possessed of that rare infusion, called "public spirit." Out under the arches of masonry or foliage march those whose perseverance we appreciate, to be

scattered in the throngs of a restless, heedless world. The parson who rustles the bayberry or the salutation whose frightened glances play with the obstructive tassel of her cap may explain why an event so apparently conclusive should be called a "commencement." The audience may see the point and hope that each austere youth does really commence rightly this new stage of life.

But you and I of the audience, fanning against time, wouldn't this be just the time for us to commence something? Shouldn't we begin to take seriously the educational problems of our nation? Ministers, members of the Churches, is our duty to the public schools fulfilled when we have graced their concluding exercises by our presence and perhaps our rhetoric? How many of us have visited during the past year the rooms of our own children, to say nothing of any others? How many of us have entertained the teachers in our homes—strangers in the community as most of them are? Who of us have encouraged them in their work or consulted them at all, save in complaint that our Harold's or our Winifred's marks didn't conform with our infallible conceptions of their abilities? Who of us has scratched or breathed a word in support of this session's legislative efforts to clean away one of the most inglorious blots on our Commonwealth's shield, the withholding of a living wage from thousands of these faithful leaders of youth?

It is about time that we accord to these ununiformed, unmedalled battlers against ignorance and incipient crime a measure of the same appreciation and justice with which we greet our returning heroes from overseas. Let us commence.

D. D.

WANTED: OPINIONS

No Christian American should evade in these critical days the plain duty of inquiring into and striving to establish an opinion upon such questions as the following:

Is the Peace Treaty such as promises permanent peace on a new basis or does it, like Vienna of old, but sow the seeds for future strife?

Judging by its terms so far known, which motive has dominated its preparation, vengeance and imperialistic

greed or the desire for world-co-operation and mutual benefit?

Do any of the articles of the treaty make it, as alleged, impossible for the vanquished nations to fulfill the conditions of others?

Wherein, if at all, does it violate the spirit and the letter of the famous Fourteen Points?

Is the treaty such as to justify America in staking her resources and life-blood to guarantee its provisions, i. e., in entering a league to enforce it?

Would you call it a Christian Peace? If so, why? If not, why not?

D. D.

HOLY WEEK IN THE HOLY LAND

A Letter from the Editor

After a wonderful moonlight trip down the Suez Canal on a British submarine chaser, a dizzy ride on a motor lorry to Katarah Station, and a cold, restless night on a military train in which we tried to sleep but for the most part signally failed, we arrived at Ludd early on the morning of Wednesday, April 16, and changed cars after a hasty breakfast at an army canteen. It came with a thrill to all of us that we had finally reached Palestine, the land in which so much of the song and story of mankind centres. I think we were first of all impressed with the ruggedness and size of the Judean hills, and then with the lack of verdure in spite of occasional flowers and clusters of olive trees. But there was a majestic grandeur quite unanticipated by most of us as we approached Jerusalem, which we reached shortly before noon. "Beautiful for situation is Mount Zion, the joy of the whole earth," and we repeated this in our hearts before we entered the gates of the Holy City. We were met at the depot by a group of upstanding young Americans, representatives of our Red Cross, who are just about completing the splendid work they have done in Jerusalem during the war, handing over a part of it to the British Military authorities and a part to the American Committee for Relief in the Near East, which we have the honor to represent. It was, therefore, a part of our duty to investigate the various agencies and institutions conducted there, and we tried to do this as thoroughly as possible.

But readers of the MESSENGER will be particularly interested in a few impressions of the Holy Land and the various events of that wonderful week. It was a high privilege indeed to be there at that particular time. Many declared it to be the most important Holy Week since the time of our Lord. It was the first, of course, under the British administration, and it so happened that for the first time in many years the holy days of all the religious sects synchronized, so that we had at practically one time the great observances of the various Christian bodies (Latin, Greek, Armenian, Coptic, Assyrian, and Protestant), the Moslems and the Jews. I am writing in our hotel, just inside the Jaffa Gate, and from my window I see not only that ancient gate, but the great hole cut into the wall by order of the ex-Kaiser of Germany and through which he marched in the white raiment of a crusader on the occasion of his memorable visit to Palestine. I see, too, the motley throng passing down this "Broadway" of old Jerusalem, containing almost every conceivable type of human being, besides donkeys, camels, goats, sheep and other animals, large and small. The very small animals, by the way, provide no small part of the discomfort one experiences in this part of the world. The British have done wonders in improving sanitary conditions in Jerusalem and throughout the entire zone of their occupation, but they will agree that very much remains to be done. The habits and customs of centuries cannot be totally changed in so brief a time, and everywhere one turns one feels like crying: "Oh the fleas and filth, oh the smells and sorrows, oh the burdened childhood and degraded womanhood and brutal manhood of the East!" This does not mean that there is not much that is good, and out of which glorious things can be made. But the obvious things that force themselves constantly upon our view are scarcely comforting. We can

only hope that the better government of the new era will reclaim the dreadful waste of life and land, and that the holy places will once again be surrounded by some evidences of holy living. It has been both a testing and a strengthening of faith to spend these days in Jerusalem. We saw so much that was manifestly a travesty on religion that our hearts at times sank within us; but at other times we rejoiced with a great joy at what we saw and heard. Life can never seem exactly the same to the Christian who has been privileged to walk around these sacred places where the blessed feet of Jesus walked during the days of His earthly ministry. The first night we spent in Jerusalem was simply wonderful, and the memory of it will always be an inspiration. Capt. Chafee of the Red Cross took us for a moonlight walk to the Mt. of Olives. The golden glory of that Syrian moonlight can hardly be described. Never did a night seem more perfect. From Olive's brow one could not only see the city with remarkable clearness, but all the surrounding country stretching out to the Jordan valley, and the silver sheen of the Dead Sea in the distance. The very route that Jesus often took we reverently followed, through the via dolorosa, past the brook Kedron, the Garden of Gethsemane, Calvary, and other spots so sacred to the Christian heart. On Olivet we saw the spot pointed out as the scene of the Ascension, with the veritable footprint in the rock whence the Lord is said to have gone into glory.

Space forbids a description of the privileges of this Holy Week. We tried to visit as many as possible of the points of interest, including orphanages and institutions of relief. We attended the most significant religious services conducted by Christians, and saw the great Nebi Musa celebration of the Mohammedans. We had trained guides to show us Jerusalem and describe to us its significance. Men like Dr. Fred'k Bliss, representing Union Theological Seminary, whose excavation and investigations have proved so valuable, Mr. Albert Forder, for twenty years a missionary among the Ishmaelites, and others, gave us valuable addresses. The British Military Governor, Gen. Ronald Storrs, gave us a splendid dinner and treated us with the utmost graciousness. The American Consul, Dr. Otis Glazebrook, received us most cordially, and we are under special obligations to him for unusual courtesies as well as his illuminating address.

In many ways we enjoyed extraordinary advantages for a blessed Easter season. Sweet and comforting was the Holy Communion in which many of us were privileged to share at the American Church on Thursday night, the anniversary of the institution of the holy sacrament, and held at a spot not far from "the upper room." Never shall I forget the simple service we held that Good Friday on the Mt. of Calvary, that "green hill, far away, beyond the city wall, where the Dear Lord was crucified, Who died to save us all." Side trips were taken not only to Bethany and Bethlehem, but to the Jordan valley and the distant towns of Jericho and Hebron. At the last-named place we were among the first Americans to get into the mosque containing the cave of Machpelah, with the tombs of Abraham and Sarah, Isaac and Rebecca, Jacob and Leah, and Joseph.

(To be Continued Next Week.)

COMMUNICATIONS

A DISTINGUISHED VISITOR FROM THE REFORMED CHURCHES OF SWITZERLAND ON AN ERRAND OF RECONSTRUCTION

Dr. Adolf Keller, pastor of St. Peter's Reformed Church of Zurich, Switzerland, has just completed a brief tour of the United States in the interest of the reconstruction work to be carried on by Protestant Churches in Europe after the signing of the Peace Treaty. He came upon invitation of the Federal Council, through which body for the first time official relationships have been established between the Protestant Churches of Switzerland and America. Dr. Keller gives the following reasons for the keen interest of the Swiss Churches in this new relationship established between the religious forces of the two republics.

1. The attitude of the American people toward the war greatly impressed us, and we at once saw what a tremendous moral and religious force the American people represented in the present crisis.

2. The different movements on foot in America, looking toward Church Unity, impelled us to bring to the attention of the American people the tremendous influence a united American Protestantism might wield in the reconstruction of Europe.

3. The practical program of the Federal Council in the matter of reconstruction work induced us to hail with delight the hand of co-operative fellowship extended from across the sea.

4. Switzerland holds a strategic position and has a unique responsibility over against the entire continent of Europe at this particular time. This is true for the following three reasons: 1. Because of the three languages used within her borders. 2. Because three types of culture greatly differing from one another are represented in her territory. 3. Because the Swiss people have enjoyed the universal confidence and good will of not only the neutral nations, but also the belligerents. 4. Because Switzerland is best fitted to become the meeting place of the nations, and "headquarters of good will and reconstruction."

The following information concerning this distinguished visitor we are sure will prove of interest to the readers of the MESSENGER. Dr. Keller is a typical Swiss; congenial, optimistic, energetic, broad in his sympathies and altogether democratic in spirit. Still in the full strength of middle life, he is a splendid specimen of physical manhood. St. Peter's, of which he is the pastor, is famous for the character of its ministers. Among his predecessors was the famous Lavater. Dr. Keller has also

served in Geneva, and for three years was pastor of a German and Swiss Church in Egypt. He is a man of broad culture and learning, and the author of several important books. His most recent production is entitled, "The League of Nations and the Churches."

His chief passion seems to be to bring about a united Protestantism the world over. To hear him speak one is reminded of his great Genevan forerunner, Calvin, who said, "I will gladly cross seven seas to bring about the union of Protestantism." Some years ago Dr. Keller was sent as the official representative of the Swiss Protestant Church to Scotland to aid, if possible, in uniting the Protestant Churches of Scotland. While he is thoroughly devoted to the Reformed Church, the Church of Zwingli and our Church, his special interest lies in the union of all of Protestantism as absolutely essential to meet the present religious crisis on the continent of Europe and the world over.

On Sunday, June 8th, he spoke at the College Church, St. Stephen's, Lancaster, Pa., and assisted in the distribution of the Holy Communion. On the evening of the same day he preached at Heidelberg Reformed Church, Philadelphia. On the following day he addressed the Ministerial Association in Assembly Hall, of the Reformed Church Building. He is a personal friend of Dr. Good, and secured for the latter permission to use the Cathedral at Zurich (Gross Muenster) for his summer services.

We greatly regret that time prevented a longer stay, so that Dr. Keller might have toured the territory covered by our denomination, in order that a much larger number of our people might have come under the influence of his inspiring and uplifting personality. We sincerely hope that at some later day the Church may have the privilege of a more prolonged visit from this prominent Church leader, and above all that his dream of Church union, which he shares with such great leaders as his fellow countryman, Schaff, and others of days gone by, and present day Church leaders in our own denomination and elsewhere, may be realized sooner than we may dare to hope. If ever the adage "In union there is strength" was true, it is today. May Dr. Keller's visit and labors in general prove fruitful of much good. We bid him a hearty welcome to a return in the near future.

C. A. H.

GREETINGS FROM THE SWISS CHURCHES

(Delivered by Pastor Adolf Keller of Zurich to the Federal Council)

Dear Brethren:

In response to your kind and fraternal invitation this is the first occasion on which an official delegate has been sent over to America to represent the Protestant Churches of Switzerland. Indeed the Swiss Churches have charged me to bring you their most cordial greetings and thus to bear witness of the Christian communion between my country and yours.

In spite of the distance between us, and the fact that our national and religious communication have been hitherto undeveloped, there is no doubt that not a few of your Churches feel a close connection with the ideas and life forces which had their origin in Zurich and

Geneva. When the Reformed Church of the United States sent us in the beginning of this year her most welcome congratulations for the jubilee of Zwingli, she wrote us that she considered our Church as her mother Church. Others of your denominations no doubt feel a similar filial relation toward the Church of Calvin in Geneva. Thus many of the American Churches are together with us, the wardens of the same special heritage which was left us by the Swiss Reformation.

But the war and the new situation which it has created, have brought these ties into prominence and have given us a new consciousness of the great religious family to which we belong in a special fellowship and of which

the American Churches form an important part. This meant a real discovery for us. Since the war your country has mobilized spiritual forces to an extent heretofore unseen. With joy and gratitude have we listened to the expression of these powers in the declarations and the attitude of President Wilson. We feel bound to consider them as the mightiest attempt, ever made in modern history, to permeate the relations of the peoples with the spirit of justice and righteousness, to dominate international polity by clear moral principles and to oppose them to that other principle that might is right, which is so deeply discredited today and which has been condemned from the outbreak of the war by the great majority of our people. We were aware that America defended the principles of liberty and democracy on which our republic was established six hundred years ago, and shielded the rights of small peoples as ourselves. But in the League of Nations, a league based on mutual respect and good will, so tremendously advocated by President Wilson, we saw a nobler endeavor to satisfy our hopes for a closer communion between nations on the lines laid down by the Gospel.

Being situated right between the belligerent nations we were witnesses of the horrors and all the hatred and injustice which threatened to swallow up the last remainders of the common Christian heritage. Our Christian feelings have on this account suffered severely. In these days of sorrow we could do nothing other than take up the task of the good Samaritan by giving help to all in need, nursing the wounded, seeking the lost ones, and otherwise preventing a complete breakdown of all communications between these who were at war.

May I assure you that in the maintenance of the ideals of liberty and democracy, in the condemnation of every injustice committed on innocent peoples, in the abhorrence of all the unspeakable atrocities, in the deep sympathy with the suffering invaded countries, and especially the suffering sister Churches, in the firm will to remain ourselves free citizens of a free country, which as yours has proved to be an asylum of liberty for so many persecuted foreigners, in the clear insight of our philanthropic and Christian task—there was only one voice all through Switzerland. In this regard there was, in spite of many diversities of opinion and of sympathies, unanimity between all parts of our country.

It was, however, our special task not to lose sight of the future reconstruction of Europe. But I hardly need to say we could in this regard attempt nothing before the belligerent nations had come to an unmistakable settlement of their conflict and had themselves expressed the wish to begin again with building up a new community of the peoples based upon justice, righteousness and mutual good-will.

We see the dawn of this day in the conclusion of the League of Nations announced by President Wilson as a good and hopeful evangel of peace and reconstruction, a League of Nations comprehending in the time all civilized peoples and uniting and directing their efforts towards a common end. This has found the full sympathy and support of a country like Switzerland, which in itself is a very real league of nations. For uniting different races, cultures, languages, Switzerland might indeed well serve as basis on which to build on a much larger scale.

We are, however, convinced that the League of Nations as a mere political organization will not fulfil all that is necessary to save the peoples from the abyss of wretchedness into which they have fallen. This very moment in which the peace treaty has become public, shows that mere political and strategical efforts are unable to give the world a real and lasting peace and to lay down the foundations for a new brotherly community among nations. This sick and wounded world is in want of the healing forces of the Spirit of God. Once more the Gospel of our Lord has to be announced, the divine message that the Father takes to his heart, those who in repentance and belief seek Him and that He gives them by His

boundless grace the spirit of a new life and of a new communion.

The Swiss Christians, being in close touch with the belligerent peoples, considered the needs of the present time to be an immediate challenge to all Christian Churches to bring that message to all those who are willing to accept it and to make effective in the nations the supernatural elements of unity contained in the Gospel. Of course this will not be reached at once. It has a long way to travel and conditions have to be fulfilled, as I have said, of which everyone is not yet fully conscious.

But this ought not prevent the Churches from preparing at least an atmosphere of mutual understanding and good-will. This does not lie in the reach of one single Church. There must be a combined desire on the part of all to make one common constructive effort.

When the way will be free for such an effort and the conditions fulfilled, the Swiss Churches will be found prepared to co-operate, heart and soul, with all the other Churches in their endeavors. It seems to us that we are really provided with special possibilities in view of these coming tasks. One of your statesmen has called Switzerland the one open window into the sickroom of Europe. And indeed our geographical, political and cultural situation in the centre of Europe may assure us an unique position for the exchange of ideas and forces among the nations. Three languages of great peoples are spoken in our country. Our high schools, our universities were, until the war, frequented by foreign students in a scale almost unknown to the majority of other universities. For example, the University of Zurich had, before the war, been attended by foreign students, especially from northern and eastern countries, up to 47 per cent. of all her students. Geneva had nearly the same percentage of foreign students.

The possibilities, therefore, which thus are placed in our hands, are obviously far reaching. I think that up to the war, our Church as well as the other Churches has not fully grasped the significance of these possibilities. But the war has changed everything and has awakened within us a new sense of responsibility as well as a longing for a fresh brotherhood among men.

As during the war, the stream of foreigners coming to us for health and recreation will still go on and will bring us into contact with representatives of nearly all countries. Switzerland will therefore continue to be the great meeting place of nations and we and you would therefore do well to keep this constantly in mind.

I may mention in passing that Switzerland in its French-speaking section is the only part of the world where members of the Central Powers can come into contact with the French language and culture without being reminded too strongly of the painful past. Further, German-speaking Switzerland apart from Alsace, is the only spot on earth where the German language and science can be studied without the same sad reminders.

These facts constitute a real claim to support our efforts in the coming tasks. We are, however, aware that in this regard much will depend on the attitude taken by the American Churches.

Since America came into the war, her moral and spiritual forces have come into greater prominence than ever before. We in Switzerland have known how strongly the American Churches have supported the ideals for which America has fought. We also recognize in your Churches one of the driving forces which impelled the country to make sacrifices and assist us with food and other necessities. We believe that these moral efforts were an expression of a constructive power which we felt to be a forerunner of a vast reconstruction scheme to follow the cessation of war.

And therefore I am here to say that for all the high principles for which America stands, we in Switzerland are ready to join in with all our might and all our heart and soul. The Swiss Churches have charged me to thank you for your invitation to your assembly and to tell you

that we earnestly desire that we shall thereby get into closer touch with you.

We recognize that the Churches hitherto have been too much confined within the boundaries of their own countries. We feel that the body of our common Master, Jesus Christ, has been as it were divided instead of being as it ought to be linked together. We therefore fully sympathize with all sincere endeavors towards creating a mutual co-operation and promoting good fellowship whereby the advancement of the Kingdom of our Lord may be assisted. To feel that we are in brotherly connection with your Churches will of itself exercise a powerful, vivifying influence on our own Church life. It will

strengthen the whole Church visible as a comprehensive spiritual force acting against the powers of evil which are still at work the world over.

Once the principles of spiritual communion are clearly established, there remains only their practical application to be entrusted to the various executive organizations.

The Call of the Lord to His people has always been strong, but never stronger than today. In spite of all differences of nationalities, creed, language, we must obey the Call. Then, and only then, shall we be able to reach that close fellowship and spiritual communion for which Christ Himself lived and died.

OUR DEBT TO THE FRENCH HUGUENOTS

BY RALPH W. INGE, D. D., DEAN OF ST. PAUL'S

(President of the British Auxiliary of the Entr'Aide (Resettlement) Committee of the United Protestant Churches of France)

[Sermon delivered in the French Protestant Episcopal (Huguenot) Church of the Savoy, founded in the Savoy Chapel in 1661, and now worshipping in the Church of St. Jean l'Evangeliste, Bloomsburg.]

"This shall be the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel. After those days, said the Lord, I will put my Law in their inward parts and write it in their hearts, and will be their God, and they shall be My people. And they shall teach no more every man his neighbour and every man his brother, saying, Know the Lord, for they shall all know Me, from the least of them to the greatest of them." Jeremiah xxxi, 33.

The events of four glorious and tragical years have bound together the English and French peoples with a tie that I hope may never be loosened. The two nations, which have always respected each other even during centuries of intermittent war, are now fast friends and are likely to remain so. This alliance gives an additional interest to the little congregations of French Protestants, who have so long worshipped God here in London, and also within the walls of our great Anglican Cathedral at Canterbury. We know how much we have gained as a nation by the folly of the persecutors who drove out of France so many thousand families of the very best of her citizens, men and women, for the most part, of great industry and skill in various crafts, of high moral qualities and strong convictions; men and women who rather than surrender or conceal their religious faith were willing to face the danger of death, the certainty of heavy losses, and, what to most Frenchmen is almost worse than either, exile from their beautiful country. England has always been the friend of exiles, and has had every reason to congratulate herself on the results of her hospitality. In every department of national life—in war, in commerce, in the arts, in religious and theological literature, the names of Huguenot families, or English names which conceal an undoubted strain of French Huguenot blood, are found in prominent and honorable positions. The distinctions gained by a few scores of families of French descent prove conclusively that religious persecution is the most effectual means yet discovered for weeding out the strongest and best citizens from a country, and draining it of its best blood. As an expedient for destroying opinions, persecution is equally unsuccessful. You cannot kill the ideas with a bludgeon, or burn the truths at a stake. Even those who are forced to recant are not converted. You can sometimes make a man unsay, but you cannot make him unsee. And of the stronger souls who will not unsay, the word is true that the blood of the martyrs is the seed of the Church.

And what was the truth for which your ancestors suffered banishment? What was the spiritual treasure which was so precious to them that rather than be deprived of it they chose to leave their beloved country and seek shelter

in a foreign land? What was it that made these "Gens de la Religion," as they were called, confessors and martyrs of Protestantism?

THE CENTRAL TRUTH OF THE REFORMATION

The central truth of the Reformation is that which is contained in the verses of Jeremiah which I read as my text. They are a prophecy of the Gospel dispensation, of the new covenant which was inaugurated on the day of Pentecost. This prophecy, and the parallel prophecy from Joel, which St. Peter quoted on that day, about the outpouring of the Spirit upon all flesh, show very clearly what the new covenant, which Christ sealed with His blood, was meant to be. Our modern ecclesiastical artists, when they depict the descent of the Holy Ghost on the day of Pentecost, represent the tongues of fire as alighting only on the heads of the Apostles. That is quite a mistake, as the quotation from Joel shows. The tongues of fire ought to be shown on the heads of all the congregation, including the women. For this is the dispensation of the Spirit: "They shall all know me, from the least to the greatest of them." No longer was it necessary to trust to intermediaries. No longer was the Church to have a caste of privileged courtiers, whose help it was necessary to gain when a layman wished to approach God. Access to God is direct, immediate, personal, individual. Again and again this most precious of Christian privileges has been filched from the laity. At the time of the Reformation it cost the most tremendous efforts to reassert and establish it. Even in our own day we have frequently to use the exhortation of St. Paul to the Galatians: "Stand fast then in the liberty with which Christ hath made us free." Another corner-stone of Protestantism is the moral view of religion which, like the inspiration of the individual, is clearly and frequently asserted by the Old Testament prophets: "Thinkest thou that I will eat bull's flesh, or drink the blood of goats?" says the Psalmist. "Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams?" says Micah. This doctrine, like the other, is of primary importance. It is a matter of experience that whenever actions which are morally indifferent are commanded or forbidden in the name of religion, whenever we are told that as Churchmen we are bound to do things which have nothing to do with the moral law, and to abstain from doing other things which are perfectly harmless, we not only forfeit the liberty with which Christ has set us free, but we impair the delicacy of our moral sense, so confusing it that we become more afraid of transgressing some irrational tradition of the elders than of committing an offence against love, truth, or purity. When a man has made over his conscience to another to keep, he may have many fine qualities, but there comes a point when you cannot trust him.

(Continued Next Week.)

NEWS IN BRIEF

At this season of the year the columns of the "Messenger" are inadequate to give room to the accounts of the many annual meetings. To carry the news over a space of several weeks is mutually unsatisfactory. We, therefore, have devoted the necessary space in this issue to the Colleges, Classes and W. M. S. We trust that this plan will meet the approval of our readers.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

Rev. S. V. Rohrbaugh, from Mineral City to Lake, Ohio.

Rev. George G. Everhart, from 1514 Franklin street to Cloverdale Apartment, Linden and Chauncey avenue, Baltimore, Md.

Rev. Paul E. Keller, from Changsha, Hunan, China, to No. 3202 Seranton Road, Cleveland, Ohio.

Prof. Horace R. Lequear, from New Britain, Pa., to No. 450 Allyn street, Akron, Ohio.

Rev. Frederick C. Seitz, D. D., from Allentown, Pa., to No. 239 North Main street, Greensburg, Pa.

On June 1, Rev. H. P. Ley was installed pastor of Immanuel Church, St. Bernard, Ohio.

Rev. Joseph H. Mugglin, of Port Hope, Michigan, has become pastor of the Helvetia Charge, W. Va.

Rev. S. V. Rohrbaugh, of Mineral City, Ohio, has accepted a call from the Union-town Charge, Ohio Synod.

Rev. H. W. Vitz, pastor of St. John's Church, Indianapolis, for the last 21 years, has resigned, to take effect August 1.

On June 11th, Rev. Charles Peters, pastor of St. Paul's Church, Buffalo, N. Y., received the degree of Doctor of Philosophy from Grove City College, Pa.

Rev. W. S. Brendle, pastor of the Lemaster, Pa., Charge, was admitted into the Johns Hopkins Hospital, Baltimore, Md., for treatment for nervous troubles.

Rev. Z. A. Yearick, D. D., was installed pastor of the recently organized St. John's Church, Rosemont, near Bethlehem, Pa., on Sunday afternoon, June 15.

On June 13, the University of Pittsburgh conferred upon President H. H. Apple, of Franklin and Marshall College, the honorary degree of Doctor of Laws.

The Mission House had 99 students this year, three out of every four of whom are looking forward to entering the ministry.

Rev. H. N. Spink is preaching a series of sermons during the month of June on "The Healing Miracles of Our Saviour," in the Church at Sharpsville, Pa.

Rev. W. H. Kerschner preached the anniversary sermon to the I. O. O. F. in St. John's Church, of the Watson Run Charge, during last month.

The Consistory of St. John's Church, Chambersburg, Pa., unanimously increased the salary of the pastor, Rev. T. A. Alspach, by \$400 a year. This makes a \$700 increase in the course of a year.

Rev. J. N. LeVan, of St. John's Church, Lebanon, Pa., and Miss Elizabeth Ruth

Johnson were married on Tuesday morning, June 10, by Rev. O. O. Leidith in the Seventh Street Lutheran Church, Lebanon.

The Ministerial Association of Philadelphia and Vicinity will hold a union meeting on June 30 at 11 A. M. in the United Presbyterian Church, Sixteenth and Race streets.

Rev. William D. Marburger, of Denver, Pa., occupied the pulpit of Heidelberg Church at Schwenksville on June 8. On Sunday, June 15, Rev. George B. Raezer, of Lititz, Pa., had charge of the services.

Chaplain L. V. Hetrick, former pastor of Salem Church, Doylestown, Pa., has received the commission of Captain and has been assigned permanently to the 42nd Regiment at Camp Upton.

The Debt and Repairs Campaign in Grace Church, Washington, D. C., Rev. Henry H. Ranck, D. D., pastor, has proceeded most encouragingly. Over \$4,000 was reported in cash and subscriptions at the end of last month.

Lieut. Hugh Cort, son of Rev. Cyrus Cort, D. D., of Overlea, Md., came on from Fort Sill, Okla., with 48 discharged men, to Camp Meade, on last Sunday morning. He will return to Fort Sill after a two-days' furlough at his home in Overlea.

Whitsunday was a red letter day in Zion Church, New Providence, Pa., Rev. Harry E. Shepardson, pastor. A class of 46 young people was confirmed. The sermon was preached by Rev. John C. Bowman, D. D., of Lancaster, Pa.

Rev. Harry J. Donat preached the baccalaureate sermon to the graduating class of the Macungie High School. On commencement evening, Dr. J. A. W. Haas, President of Muhlenburg College, delivered the address.

Rev. C. F. Althouse preached the baccalaureate sermon on Sunday evening in St. John's Church, Phoenixville, Pa., to the class of 1919 Phoenixville High School, numbering 42, upon the theme, "The School of Christ."

Within the last month, Rev. John B. Swartz, Sycamore, Ohio, preached to the High School graduates, the Memorial sermon to the G. A. R. and returned soldiers and the Memorial sermon to the local lodge of the Knights of Pythias.

Red Rose Day services were held both morning and evening on Sunday, June 8, in Tabor (First) Church, Lebanon, Pa., with an elaborate program, in charge of the pastor, Rev. W. B. Happel, Ph. D., assisted by Prof. George W. Richards, D. D., of Lancaster.

Rev. Robert M. Kern, for the past three years Superintendent of the Phoebe Deaconess and Old Folks' Home, has tendered his resignation to the Board of Trustees in order to devote his entire time to the work of his pastorate of St. Andrew's Church, Allentown.

Rev. G. W. Lutz, of Pennsburg, Pa., delivered two commencement addresses on last Saturday, one at Oaks, at 2 P. M., and the other in Keelor's Church in the evening. On June 17, he will speak at the Perkasio commencement, and on June 21 at Gilbertsville, where the Douglass Township commencement will be held.

Trinity Church, Concord, N. C., made the Second Every Member Canvass, under the pastorate of Rev. W. C. Lyerly, May 25. The budget for Congregational Expenses and Apportionments were oversubscribed

that afternoon 10 per cent. Complete returns will show an oversubscription of 20 per cent.

The interest of the Reformed Church in Kannapolis, N. C., has been commissioned to a student for the summer months. Banks J. Peeler, Class of '19, Catawba College, is in charge. A Sunday School was organized June 1 with more than 50 scholars. There is a large field in this mill town of more than 6,000 white people. The Reformed Church has more than 50 confirmed members living in the town.

The Ministerial Association of the Reformed Churches of Philadelphia and Vicinity, at its meeting on last Monday morning, elected the following officers: President, Rev. A. P. Frantz; Vice-President, Rev. William E. Lampe, Ph. D.; Secretary and Treasurer, Rev. Walter E. Garrett. The Executive Committee consists of Rev. Robert O'Boyle, William S. Clapp and C. B. Alspach, D. D.

Rev. William E. Troup is preaching a series of special sermons in David's Church, Canal Winchester, Ohio. His subjects for the morning sermons are, "The Church of To-day," "S. O. S.," "Medical Missions," "Is the Church Worthy of Its Hire?" "The Fundamentals Again," and for the evening, "If I Were a Boy," "If I Were a Girl," "If I Were a Young Man," "If I Were a Young Woman."

Rev. D. B. Lady, D. D., in charge of Trinity Church, Wilkesburg, Pa., exchanged pulpits with Rev. Theodore Hesson, of Arendtsville, on last Sunday. This gave Dr. Lady an opportunity to attend the commencements at Hood and Franklin and Marshall Colleges, and also to spend a week on the farm. Dr. Lady celebrates this year the 50th anniversary of his graduation, having graduated from F. and M. in '69.

Last year Grace Reformed Sunday School, Altoona, Pa., made an offering of a little more than \$13.00 for the Educational and Sunday School Work. This year the offering will amount to at least \$52.00, a gain of 400%. A splendid example to other schools. The pastor, Rev. David Lockhart, explains the gain when he writes: "Our superintendent is very alert. He gave each class a quota and then all proceeded to 'go over the top.'"

Rev. A. C. Whitmer celebrated his 82nd birthday at his home in Waynesboro, Pa., on Saturday, June 7, entertaining at dinner Revs. F. F. Bahner, D. D., J. M. Francis, D. D., W. P. Shriner, D. D., Joseph E. Guy and J. M. Rutherford. Dr. Whitmer attended Franklin and Marshall College commencement last week, when the surviving members of his class celebrated the 60th anniversary of their graduation. Of a class numbering 21, but 4 are living. These are aged 80, 82, 84 and 89 years.

Rev. C. B. Schneder, D. D., pastor of St. John's, Shamokin, Pa., delivered a special sermon Sunday, June 15, to mark the close of the 28th year of his present pastorate. A summary of his successful pastorate follows: Confirmed, 1,802; infant baptisms, 3,639; marriages, 788; funerals, 1,615; sermons, 3,743; communicants, 1,360; unconfirmed members, 1,081. During the year he baptized 115 infants, conducted 126 funerals, and received 96 into membership. Financially it was the best year of his pastorate. In the morning the Sunday School observed Children's Day. The offering for the Board amounted to

\$85.00. This amount is more than St. John's quota.

Dr. Paul L. Cort, eldest son of Rev. Cyrus Cort, D. D., died in Trenton, N. J., on last Thursday night, from heart failure brought on by kidney trouble. Dr. Cort was resident physician at the Protestant Hospital in Trenton. Some years ago, on recommendation of Dr. Weir Mitchell, and after a competition with 59 applicants, he was chosen assistant physician of the Jersey State Asylum near Trenton. After 8 years of successful service there he moved to Trenton and started a private practice, in which he was very successful. He leaves a widow, Mary Seudder, daughter of John N. Seudder, president of the First National Bank of Trenton, besides his aged father, his brothers, Prof. Ambrose Cort, of the Brooklyn High School, and Lieut. Hugh Cort, and his sister, Agnes Cort Dutrow, of Frederick, Md.

Pastor Adolf Keller, of St. Peter's Church, at Zurich, Switzerland, who is in America as the representative of the Swiss Protestant Churches, through the delay of his ship, arrived a day too late to attend the Cleveland meeting of the Federal Council, but has visited several of the important Church assemblies and has spoken in a number of our leading cities and educational centers. Pastor Keller's message is printed in full in this issue of the "Messenger" and is a document worthy of the close attention of our readers. The distinguished visitor has been in his present pastorate for six years, before which time he spent some years in Egypt and Palestine. He went with a scientific expedition to study the manuscripts in the neighborhood of Mt. Sinai. He was also at one time pastor of a Church in Geneva.

100TH ANNIVERSARY

The Reformed Church at Middletown, Maryland, began the celebration of the 100th anniversary of the building of its Church edifice, June 15th. The first anniversary sermon was delivered by Rufus W. Miller, D. D., whose subject was "The Pastorate of the Rev. Charles F. McCauley and the Children."

Dr. Miller, as the son-in-law of Dr. McCauley and associated with him in the pastorate at Reading, Pa., spoke of Dr. McCauley's interest in and devotion to the

children as the supreme characteristic of his pastorate at Middletown.

Dr. McCauley was pastor from November 1, 1845, to December 6, 1855. In the first year of his pastorate there was erected a Sunday School and parish building by the congregation, in which not only the Sunday School sessions were held, but also a week-day school for the community, in which religious instruction was given.

Many charming traditions remain as to Dr. McCauley's interest in the children: giving them horseback rides in the days when the pastor visited his people on horseback; playing games with the children and always a visitor eagerly looked for and welcomed by the children in the home.

In the evening, Children's Day, with the program "Forward March," was observed, the address being given by Dr. Miller. The offering of the congregation and school amounted to \$50.00. The Sunday School, under the splendid leadership of the pastor, Dr. George A. Snyder, and the superintendent, Emory L. Coblenz, Esq., is well organized and has large Beginners' and Primary Departments, as well as large Organized Adult Classes, and its work is carried forward in a modern Sunday School building.

ANNIVERSARY

The twenty-fifth anniversary of the ordination of Rev. Thomas H. Leinbach and the fifteenth anniversary of his present pastorate at St. John's, Reading, were fittingly observed by special services held in St. John's Church, on Sunday, June 1, and on Tuesday evening, June 3.

Very helpful and inspiring sermons were delivered to large and appreciative congregations at the Sunday services, both morning and evening, by Dr. George W. Richards. It was a day of many pleasant surprises for the pastor. He was given a purse of \$25 at the session of the Sunday School by his Bible Class, and a purse of \$100 in gold at the morning service as a gift from the congregation. Elder William A. Levan, who made the presentation address, also announced that the Consistory, in recognition of the pastor's faithful service, voted him at a recent special meeting, an increase of \$300 a year in sal-

ary. The pastor's wife was also remembered by the congregation, who, through Dr. Richards as their spokesman, presented her with a fine basket of twenty-five American Beauty roses. The young people, not to be outdone, gave the pastor at their evening session a number of well-selected and valuable books.

At the Tuesday evening service, Rev. J. L. Roush, one of the committee who twenty-five years ago helped to ordain Rev. Leinbach, preached the sermon. A unique and touching surprise was also sprung at this service. June 3 is not only the anniversary of the pastor's ordination, but also of his birthday. The teachers of the Primary and Beginners' Departments of the Sunday School, who always take special note of the birthday of the little folks, saw to it that the pastor's birthday did not pass by unnoticed. So, at a point in the service, more than one hundred little children marched into the Church, gathered in front of the altar, sang a song of birthday greeting, and each one handed the pastor a white carnation. Of all the pleasant surprises and expressions of good will to the pastor, this was most beautiful and most touching.

The very splendid way in which St. John's gave expression of its affectionate regard for their pastor and the fine spirit in which it was all quietly planned and graciously carried out is most highly appreciated by him.

NOTE TO THE CLASSICAL STATED CLERKS

Dear Brethren: Please send me, with all possible speed, the totals for the four official Statistical Blanks, and also the time and place for the next annual session of your Classis. It is desired that the number of ministers, number of licentiates and number of charges be also noted in connection with the Blank No. 1. Your prompt response to this request will greatly aid in making an early tabulation, for the entire Reformed Church possible.

Sincerely,

(Signed)

J. Rauch Stein, Stated Clerk,
499 S. Franklin St.,
Wilkes-Barre, Pa.

Meetings of Classes

WYOMING CLASSIS

Wyoming Classis met in 33rd annual sessions in St. John's Church, St. John's, Luzerne County, Pa., May 26-28, 1919. Rev. W. D. Stoyer is the pastor of this congregation. Under his leadership the splendid new Church, modern in all its appointments, was built a few years ago. The opening sermon was preached by the retiring President, Rev. A. F. Dreisbach, Ph. D.

The following officers were elected: President, Rev. D. W. Bicksler; Vice-President, Elder A. Oswald; Corresponding Secretary, Rev. H. A. Behrens; Treasurer, Rev. A. Houtz; Reading Clerk, Rev. E. A. G. Herman; Rev. J. C. Sanders continues as Stated Clerk.

The meeting was characterized by a splendid spirit. The efforts of the Missionary and Stewardship Committee in conjunction with the pastors and consistories of the various charges were decidedly fruitful. Twenty-three congregations raised the apportionment in full as against twelve last year and only five in 1916. Nearly \$12,000 was raised for this purpose, as against \$9,500 last year and only \$6,300 in 1915. Classis was addressed by Drs. John C. Bowman, C. E. Schaeffer and T. F. Herman.

The delegates to General Synod next year are as follows: Ministers: Primarii, A. O. Bartholomew, E. A. G. Herman, P. H. Hoover; secundi, John Lentz, J. C. Sanders, J. N. Bauman. Elders: Primarii, W. W. Anspach, A. Oswald, O. W. Cherrington; secundi, Fred W. Diehl, J. A. Eschbach, E. H. Teske.

Classis will meet next year in Emmanuel's Church, Hazleton, Pa., Rev. S. E. Stofflett, pastor, May 10, 1920, at 8 P. M.

The statistics are as follows: Ministers, 29; congregations, 44; communicants, 7,759; communion, 5,936; unconfirmed, 3,233; infant baptisms, 318; adult baptisms, 38; confirmed, 347; by certificate, 131; renewal of profession, 98; dismissed, 140; erasure of names, 305; deaths, communicants, 201; deaths, unconfirmed, 63; Sunday Schools, 42; officers and teachers, 763; Sunday School scholars, 7,550; students for the ministry, 4; benevolent purposes, \$20,218; congregational purposes, \$53,536.

John C. Sanders,
Stated Clerk.

MARYLAND CLASSIS

Maryland Classis assembled for its annual sessions on Monday, May 19, 1919, at

8 P. M., in Emmanuel (Baust) Reformed Church of the Union Bridge Charge, Rev. Paul D. Yoder, pastor. The services and Holy Communion of the opening session were conducted by Revs. C. W. Walck and L. E. Coblenz. Rev. George A. Snyder, D. D., preached the sermon as President of Classis. At the close of the service he declared Classis open for business. The roll was called. Twenty-six ministers and twenty-one elders were present. Rev. John W. Reinecke was elected President. Elder Dr. Luther Kemp extended a cordial welcome to Classis in behalf of the charge. In the following session Elder Dr. J. Franklin Meyer was elected Vice-President; Rev. B. R. Carnahan, Corresponding Secretary; Rev. G. B. Bready, Reading Clerk, and later Rev. Dr. C. S. Slagle was re-elected Treasurer; Rev. Lloyd E. Coblenz is Stated Clerk. After the appointment of the standing committees and the reference of reports and communications to them, Classis heard the parochial reports of its 36 charges and had answer to the constitutional questions from 30 elders representing as many of its charges.

Classis took favorable action upon the recommendations sent up from General Synod. The action taken on matters sent

up by the Synod of the Potomac was also favorable.

In the review of its own work aside from routine business, five students for the ministry under the care of Classis made good progress during the year. One of them, George Randolph Snyder, son of Rev. Dr. George A. Snyder, graduated from Central Theological Seminary, Dayton, O. After he was duly examined Classis licensed him, and inasmuch as the Board of Foreign Missions has appointed him a missionary to China, Classis also ordained him. The other students are Nevin C. Harner, Grayson N. Kefauver, Walter D. Mehrling, William T. Brundick.

Six charges of Classis are vacant—Burkittsville, Jefferson, Manchester, Mt. Moriah, Zion (Hagerstown) and Brunswick.

For the cause of Missions Treasurer Joseph S. Wise addressed Classis. The resolutions presented by the Committee on Missions were adopted with prayer. The apportionment for the whole cause was assumed. Attention was directed to Home and Foreign Missionary Days. Special attention was directed to the Summer Missionary Conference at Hood College, July 21, 1919. Rev. J. R. Bergey was appointed to represent Classis in the farewell service to be held in Christ Church, Middletown, Md., for all the foreign missionaries recently appointed by the Board.

In regard to the several benevolent institutions Classis took positive action. For Beneficiary Education the whole amount sent up was apportioned and the challenge for more young men for the Gospel ministry was emphasized. For the relief of aged and disabled ministers and widows of ministers larger contributions were asked. Rev. J. L. Barnhart was reappointed informant to the Board of Ministerial Relief. This Board was requested to appoint Rev. A. P. Schnatz agent for the sustentation plan for ministers. Rev. E. O. Keen, York, Pa., addressed Classis on the whole cause.

In regard to the cause of the orphans Rev. A. H. Smith, Superintendent of Hoffman Industrial Orphanage, Littlestown, Pa., addressed Classis. Classis not only resolved to increase its much enlarged offerings for the support of the orphans now in the home, but also to celebrate its centennial by erecting the much needed school building for the orphanage at a cost of \$15,000. Classis appointed the committee to raise this sum within this its centennial year. Revs. C. W. Walek, A. Conner, J. A. Ditzler, Elders D. A. Stickell, J. Charles Keller and Rev. C. S. Slagle, D. D., were appointed.

Due attention was also given to Sunday School work. Rev. J. R. A. Hedeman was elected a member of the permanent committee on Sunday Schools.

In matters of finance the report of the trustees of Classis shows all interest due in the year paid and the indebtedness of Classis reduced by the sum of \$4,350. The Treasurer's report showed the gross receipts of the year to have been \$21,281.56. Total paid out, \$20,343.02.

The state of the Church throughout the Classis, though affected considerably by war conditions and the fatal epidemic, indicates progress and a healthy determination to accomplish its work. An unusual number of losses by death occurred among the members and officers of the Churches. Two pastors, Rev. Clarence C. Troxell, of St. Paul's Church, Ridgely, Md., and Rev. Dr. J. Spangler Kieffer, of Zion's Church, Hagerstown, died.

A suitable memorial service was held, in which prayer was offered by Rev. J. L. Barnhart, addresses made by Rev. H. H. Ranek, D. D., and Rev. A. S. Weber, D. D., with the closing prayer by Rev. C. Clever, D. D.

The Forward Movement in the work of the entire Reformed Church received special attention in forceful addresses by Em-

ory L. Coblentz, Esq., Dr. Joseph Apple, Executive Secretary of the Movement, and Prof. George W. Richards, D. D.

In elections other than those indicated above, Rev. H. H. Ranek, D. D., was elected a trustee; Rev. Henri L. G. Kieffer, a member of the Missionary and Stewardship Committee and delegates to General Synod: Primarii, Revs. A. S. Weber, D. D., Conrad Clever, D. D., J. A. Ditzler, G. A. Snyder, D. D., H. L. G. Kieffer, Elders Daniel A. Stickell, J. Travers Thomas, J. Franklin Meyer, Lewis A. Rice, George M. Roberts; secundii, Revs. J. L. Barnhart, C. W. Walek, P. D. Yoder, H. H. Ranek, D. D., Atwill Conner, Elders Henry C. Foltz, John F. Maus, George C. Pearson, John H. Bushong, Jacob M. Rodkey.

Statistics—Congregations, 63; communicants, 12,454; communion, 9,481; unconfirmed, 4,479; infant baptisms, 514; adult baptisms, 63; confirmed, 448; by certificate, 226; by renewal, 85; dismissed, 157; erased, 659; deaths, communicants, 237; deaths, unconfirmed, 72; Sunday Schools, 57; officers and teachers, 1,096; scholars, 9,855; Young People's Societies (members), 1,611; students for ministry, 5; Home Missions, \$11,210; Foreign Missions, \$11,056; Education, \$1,284; other benevolences, \$18,306; congregational purposes, \$92,719. The time and place of the next annual meeting were referred to the officers of Classis.

Lloyd E. Coblentz,
Stated Clerk.

STATISTICS OF WEST SUSQUEHANNA CLASSIS

The statistics of West Susquehanna Classis, which met in St. Luke's Reformed Church, Lock Haven, Pa., May 19-21, are as follows:

Ministers, 25; congregations, 63; communicants, 6,305; communion, 5,005; unconfirmed, 2,403; infant baptism, 234; adult baptism, 34; confirmed, 248; by certificate, 118; renewal of profession, 35; dismissed, 150; erasure of names, 99; deaths, communicants, 165; deaths, unconfirmed, 43; Sunday Schools, 61; officers and teachers, 944; Sunday School scholars, 7,577; students for the ministry, 3; benevolent purposes, \$21,846; congregational purposes, \$37,170.

Officers of Classis: Rev. L. S. Drumheller, President; Elder Cyrus Heller, Vice-President; Rev. John S. Hollenbach, Corresponding Secretary; Rev. R. R. Jones, Stated Clerk.

E. R. Jones,
Stated Clerk.

CLARION CLASSIS

Clarion Classis met in annual sessions in First Reformed Church, Apollo, Pa., on Wednesday, May 21, 1919, at 7.45 P. M. The altar service was conducted by Rev. William H. Cogley and Rev. H. G. Snyder. The retiring president, Rev. I. G. Snyder, preached the opening sermon from Matt. xxiv. 35. "Heaven and earth shall pass away, but My words shall not pass away." The sermon was a strong plea for the preaching of a pure gospel, never needed more than now.

The business of the Classis was principally routine work. Considerable time was spent on plans for sustentation of weak charges and on the New Era Movement.

The Classis raised more money than ever for benevolence, but apportionment is not paid in full by all the charges. Several pastors reported substantial increase in salary.

Popular meetings were held on Thursday and Friday evenings. On Thursday evening, Rev. C. E. Schaeffer, D. D., spoke on the Forward Movement. On Friday evening, Rev. William H. Cogley discussed the

"Work of the Sunday School," and Rev. Charles E. Rebert, "Church Literature." Rev. L. O. Carbaugh preached the sermon at the preparatory service on Saturday afternoon. On Sunday morning, Rev. H. G. Snyder and Rev. A. J. Herman addressed the Sunday School, and at the same hour Rev. I. G. Snyder and Rev. L. O. Carbaugh addressed the Primary Department. On Sunday morning the Holy Communion was celebrated, Rev. R. E. Crum preaching the sermon.

On Sunday evening Rev. R. C. Bowling, D. D., spoke on "Ministerial Relief," and Rev. E. M. Deitrich on "The Religious Life of Our Soldiers." On Sunday afternoon a spiritual conference was held, at which time ministers of Classis and Rev. Summey, a visitor and layman, discussed "The Signs of the Times and Our Duty in the Reconstruction Period." This very interesting meeting was presided over by Rev. R. C. Bowling, D. D.

The following advisory members attended one or more sessions: Rev. Dr. J. C. Bowman, of the Theological Seminary; Rev. Dr. C. E. Schaeffer, Superintendent of Home Missions; Rev. C. W. Summey, of Westmoreland Classis.

On Thursday morning Rev. Dr. Bowman addressed the Classis on "Securing Young Men for the Ministry" and the completion of the Dormitory Fund.

Rev. D. J. Wolf also addressed the Classis in the interest of Ministerial Relief.

The following are the officers for the ensuing year: President, Rev. L. O. Carbaugh; vice-president, Rev. William H. Cogley; corresponding secretary, Rev. A. J. Herman; treasurer, Rev. R. C. Bowling, D. D. (re-elected). Rev. R. E. Crum is stated clerk. Rev. R. E. Crum is also informant for Board of Ministerial Relief of General Synod.

The Classis will hold its next annual meeting in Trinity Reformed Church, Troutville, Pa.; the time to be agreed upon by the Executive Committee.

Statistics: Ministers, 11; congregations, 30; communicants, 3,718; communion, 2,683; unconfirmed, 1,728; infant baptisms, 167; adult baptisms, 40; confirmed, 153; by certificate, 48; reprofession, 49; dismissed, 56; erased, 71; deaths communicants, 69; deaths unconfirmed, 30; Sunday Schools, 25; officers and teachers, 325; scholars, 3,238; young people, 205; student for ministry, 1; for Home Missions, \$2,305; Foreign Missions, \$2,311; for education, \$311; other benevolence, \$4,365; congregational purposes, \$18,965.

R. E. Crum, Stated Clerk

ALLEGHENY CLASSIS

The 48th annual session of the Allegheny Classis of the Pittsburgh Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States met in Trinity Reformed Church, of New Kensington, Monday evening, May 19, at 8 o'clock.

The opening devotional services were conducted by Rev. W. F. Ginder and Rev. H. H. Wiant, both of Pittsburgh. The Rev. E. S. Bromer, D. D., pastor of the First Reformed Church of Greensburg, Pa., and member of the Executive Committee of the Forward Movement of the Reformed Church, delivered a scholarly and eloquent address upon the theme, "The Message of the Church to the Present."

The Classical Communion followed. The Classis was then called to order by the President, Rev. E. R. Hamme, and election followed. Rev. David Dunn, of Turtle Creek, was elected President.

An address of welcome by the pastor of the local Church, Rev. Frank L. Kerr, conveyed the kindly greetings.

On Tuesday morning the devotional services were conducted by Rev. V. A. Ruth. The Rev. H. J. Herber brought a stimulat-

ing message on "The Devotional Side of the Apportionment."

On Wednesday afternoon the Rev. D. A. Souders, D. D., Superintendent of Immigration, brought a vital and enlightening message. Elder H. F. Texter, of Wilkinsburg, and Classical President Rev. David Dunn opened a discussion with able addresses on the Forward Movement of the Reformed Church. The vast influence of this movement for the future good of the Church and nation was stressed in all the discussions that followed, and that the purpose of this united Forward Movement would be to deepen the spiritual life and to enlarge the denomination's work by the raising of \$6,000,000 during the next five years, be heartily commended. At the close of the afternoon meeting the time was extended to engage in prayer invoking the blessing of God and Divine guidance in the furtherance of His work.

The Third World's Christian Citizenship Conference to be held at Pittsburgh, November 9 to 16, 1919, was presented. The work of the Association was endorsed by the Classis.

On Tuesday evening the Rev. W. R. Clark and Rev. R. F. McMeekin conducted the opening services. Rev. F. C. Nau presided and introduced the Rev. Paul B. Rupp, B. D., recently returned from national service as Chaplain in the United States Army, who delivered a forceful message graphically describing "The Effect of the War Upon the Thinking and Practice of the Church."

On Wednesday morning the meeting began with intercessions for the sick and sorrowing members of the Classis and for the men in United States service and for their families.

The Rev. Marion Keifer, Superintendent of the Orphans' Home, Greenville, Pa., presented the work done at the home for the orphans. Throughout the sessions there was an interesting and enthusiastic participation in the business transacted. Classis very reluctantly granted the request for the dissolution of the pastoral relation existing between the Rev. Lewis Robb, D. D., and Trinity Reformed Church, of Wilkinsburg, Pa., to take effect July 1, 1919. Rev. Dr. Robb was elected pastor emeritus of the Church at a salary of \$600 a year.

Strong temperance resolutions were adopted by Classis. The following ministers and elders were elected as delegates to General Synod in 1920: Ministers primarii, Revs. Nau, Wiant, Hamme; secundi,

Leidy, Krause, and Horstmeier. Elders, primarii, Ashbaugh, Texter, Young; secundi, Siebert, Wise, Hohnman.

Every congregation within bounds of Classis paid the 1918-1919 apportionment in full. In spite of the influenza epidemic and the many demands for money and time for other causes, the condition of the Church is very encouraging and in many

respects was never better.

After a helpful service on Wednesday evening with an address by the Rev. H. E. Krause on "Church Comity or Church Union, Which?" Classis adjourned.

Rev. W. R. Clark,

Rev. H. J. Herber,

Press Committee.

Preliminary Statement from the Ad Interim Committee of the Interchurch Conference on Organic Union of Protestant Churches in America

A Conference on Organic Union, composed of representatives of Evangelical Churches, gathered in Philadelphia in December, 1918, at the invitation of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America.

Responsive to the request of this Conference, a considerable number of communions acting through their Executive Committees, Commissions on Unity, etc., have appointed members of an Ad Interim Committee charged with the duty of carrying forward the inquiry initiated by the Conference.

The immediate duty with which the undersigned are entrusted as members of that Committee, is that of inviting the various national Church bodies to appoint delegates to a Council on Organic Union to be held late in 1919 or early in 1920. Arrangements for extending this invitation have been made.

In addition, we are asked to submit for the consideration of such Council, when it shall assemble, a plan or plans of organic union. Upon this task we have made a beginning and expect to be able to place in the hands of the delegates the results of our study some weeks in advance of the date which may be set for the meeting of the Council.

In undertaking the duties described, we are full of confidence and hope. We are persuaded that the large degree of spiritual unity already attained by the Evangelical Communions of America and expressed in manifold forms of fellowship and co-operative action is ready for still more distinct and outstanding expression.

We believe that the same fidelity to con-

scientious conviction out of which our division sprang now summons us under changed conditions and the steady movement toward a common mind to seek to overcome whatever of aloofness still remains and to enter a new era of united love and service.

It is our earnest conviction that we have no need nor right to postpone that era. Vast tasks, patent to all eyes, are impossible to our unorganized resources. A world broken and bewildered waits for the clear call and potent ministry of a united Church. Multitudes of true-hearted men and women now disheartened by divided counsels and frequent defeats will find hope and power in a movement toward unity.

While we find the call to unity in our shortcomings, we find it even more in our achievements. All can see, the notable growth of our membership, the swift advance of the mission cause, the conquest of great public evils, the increasing volume of philanthropy, the steady leavening of the mind of the nation with the ideals of Christ. If our Gospel is of such power that it can achieve these things through unrelated Churches, what might it not achieve through a Church made one by its more abundant indwelling?

We ask our fellow Christians of every name to join us in our task. Let us move forward as far and as fast as we can toward the goal of unity. At no distant day we shall be able to answer our Lord's prayer "that they all may be one."

Rev. W. H. Roberts,

Chairman.

Rev. Rufus W. Miller,

Secretary.

College Commencements

THE URSINUS COMMENCEMENT

The war over, commencement at Ursinus took on all the features of former years and was a truly festive occasion. A musical prelude was provided in the students' recital and the concert by the Girls' Glee Club, which occupied Saturday afternoon and evening. Sandwiched in between these musical events were two important business meetings. The Alumni Athletic Club and the Ursinus Woman's Club each held their annual meetings. The former, which gave some forty of its members to the national service in the war, had temporarily suspended activities, but now comes back with more energy than ever. The Club will proceed as rapidly as its funds will permit with the enlargement and improvement of the athletic field. The plans contemplate a quarter-mile track. Arrangements have already been made for the purchase of additional ground.

The Ursinus Woman's Club, which admits to membership all women who are friends of the College on payment of annual dues of one dollar, now numbers several hundred. The organization was formed

only a few years ago, but it now maintains the department of physical training and public speaking for young women and in other ways strongly supports the institution. The Club enjoys a fine social life and is quite popular.

The baccalaureate service on Sunday evening was featured by the work of the College Choir and the sermon. The architectural arrangements of Bomberger Hall provide a fine setting for this service. The great organ and the corridors surrounding the chapel admit of most effective processions and recessions. The service is one of simplicity and beauty, giving prominence to the sermon. The preacher, this year, was the Rev. Amos O. Reiter, pastor of Trinity Reformed Church, Pottsville, Pa., who spoke on "Perfecting the Power of Vision." Few baccalaureate preachers have combined more effectively the gift of oratory and intellectual force with direct and practical application.

Monday afternoon brought a great crowd of relatives and friends of the graduates for the class day exercises, and again in the evening a fine audience assembled for

the contests in oratory. Five young men contested for the gold prizes of twenty and fifteen dollars offered respectively by Alvin Hunsicker, '84, New York, and J. W. Meminger, '84, Lancaster, Pa. The winners were Leopold Paul Moore, Jr., of Philadelphia, and Daniel Edgar Grove, of Shady Grove, Pa. John Edwin Wildasin, Littlestown, Pa., received honorable mention. In the contest for women there were also five speakers. The first prize, twenty dollars in gold, offered by the Faculty Ladies' Literary Club, was won by Alma Loraine Fries, of Reading, Pa. The second prize, ten dollars in gold, offered by Miss Katherine E. Fetzer, of Philadelphia, was won by Lucile Bernice Wagner, of Reading, Pa. Nora Bean Keely, Schwenksville, Pa., received honorable mention.

Tuesday was occupied with business meetings of the Directors and Alumni. Gratifying reports were received by both bodies. During the past year the budget of the College advanced to \$100,380. Toward meeting this, the College has received thus far \$97,533. It is expected that all of the balance will be made up in gifts

before the close of the fiscal year on August 31. During the year gifts and bequests amounting to \$29,276 have been received. Of this sum, \$14,500 has been added to the endowment, bringing the latter to \$251,100.

At the Alumni Dinner there was a general discussion regarding a memorial to the men of Ursinus who gave their services, and especially to those who gave their lives, in the Great War. The following committee, with the President of the College as chairman, was appointed to have charge of this matter: O. P. Schellhamer, '85; I. C. Fisher, '89; Frank B. Miller, '91; J. M. S. Isenberg, '93; E. W. Lentz, '95; W. E. Garrett, '99; N. D. Bartholomew, '02; E. M. Sando, '04; R. E. Miller, '05; Mabel Hobson Fretz, '06; H. B. Daneshower, '08; Helen Neff Tyson, '09; Paul Allen Mertz, '10; C. F. Deininger, '15, and Lloyd O. Yost, '17. This committee met on the afternoon of commencement day and has a plan under way which will be announced later.

The forty-second alumni orator in a succession covering as many years of the College's history was the Rev. Nevin Daniel Bartholomew, '02, of Buffalo, N. Y., Regional Secretary for New York and New England of the New Era Movement of the Presbyterian Church. He spoke on Tuesday evening, giving an able discussion of the spiritual elements necessary to the new civilization. The later evening brought a delightful social time in the reception given by President and Mrs. Omwake, who were joined in receiving the guests by Mr. and Mrs. Bartholomew.

Wednesday, commencement day, brought an unusual number of visitors, the auditorium filling up early and being occupied to the outer walls. The first half hour was devoted to an organ recital by Harry A. Sykes, F. A. G. O., of Norristown. The two honor orations were delivered by Earnest Yeakle Raetz, of Philadelphia, and Dorothy Arnet Shifert, of Pottstown, Pa. The speaker of the day was the Honorable J. Hampton Moore, member of Congress from the Third Pennsylvania District. The honorary degree of Doctor of Laws was conferred on Mr. Moore. The degree of Doctor of Divinity was conferred on the Rev. Thomas Hart Evans, pastor of the Haws Avenue Methodist Church, of Norristown. Bachelors degrees were conferred on the thirty-two members of the graduating class.

The gold crosses given as mementoes in recognition of the best influence exerted during the college course were awarded as follows: Gold cross for men, presented by the Rev. O. P. Schellhamer, D. D., of York, Pa., to Jessie Baer Yankey, Waynesboro, Pa.; gold cross for women, presented by the Rev. I. N. Peightel, D. D., of Greencastle, Pa., to Emma Mae Schweigert, Philadelphia. The Bennett essay prize of twenty dollars in gold was awarded to George Elmer Brown, of Pottstown, Pa.

Two additions to the faculty were announced. Paul Allen Mertz, A. M., '10, becomes assistant to the President and assistant Professor of Education. Mr. Mertz pursued his graduate studies in Columbia and taught for eight years in the high schools of Plainfield, Trenton and Philadelphia. During the period of the war he has been under commission in the Psychological Division of the Surgeon General's Department at Washington, where he has been under Major Robert M. Yerkes, another Ursinus man, in administering the intelligence tests by which soldiers were classified for service. Mr. Mertz will take up his duties at the College on July 1.

Ralph Mitterling, B. S., '15, was elected Graduate Director of Athletics and Instructor in Physical Education for Men. Mr. Mitterling was an all-around athlete while in college and since graduation has completed a two-year course at the Y. M.

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COMMENCEMENT AT MASSANUTTEN

The 20th annual commencement exercises at Massanutten were held May 30th to June 3rd, under favorable weather conditions and with more than usual success. The program was a full one, starting with two music recitals under the direction of Mrs. Ware and Miss Blood, respectively in charge of piano and voice and stringed instruments.

For the first time the Devereux Players visited us and were given a welcome reception. Two performances were given, one in the afternoon, consisting of three one-act plays, "The Bear," "The Stronger," and "Indian Summer." In the evening a very amusing Norwegian comedy, entitled "Love and Geography," pleased the audience that packed Lantz Hall. It was a treat to have these exponents of classic plays visit us, and their presence added real college spirit to the occasion.

The cadets gave their annual minstrel show on Saturday night to a large audience. It proved to be the best we have had for several years, and the boys enjoyed letting loose with song and joke.

The baccalaureate sermon was preached in St. Paul's Reformed Church by the Rev. S. L. Flickinger, of Shepherdstown, W. Va. The theme of Mr. Flickinger was "Good Citizenship." It was a splendid definition of the qualities that make for manhood and public spirited citizens, and was addressed in a pleasing way as to command the closest attention. It evoked thoughtful consideration from the students, as we were impressed by comments heard afterwards. This service was enriched by special music and proved to be an inspiring evening of worship.

Monday night was given over to the annual reception, and was largely attended by visitors from near and far. Lantz Hall was tastefully decorated in school emblems and with June roses, in addition to palms and flowers in profusion. Music was furnished by Bohl's Orchestra, of Baltimore, and it was the finest of the fine. Mr. Bohl rendered several flute solos in his inimitable manner, that seemed to thrill and give the motion of music to even inanimate things. The occasion was the social event of the year and proved to be delightful.

Tuesday was a full day, with oratorical

contests in the morning. Medals were won by Eugene Faunt le Roy, of Washington, and John Causey, of Woodstock. In the afternoon the Seniors entertained with class day fun, and at 4 P. M. the military review claimed attention. Spirited rivalry was on between Companies A and B for the prizes at stake. The judges were alumni of Massanutten, just returned from service, Philip Williams, First Lieutenant, 2nd Pioneer Reg., U. S. A.; M. L. Walton, Jr., First Lieutenant, 2nd Bn. 155th Depot Brig., U. S. R.; Sherman H. Ballard, First Lieutenant, 7th Inf., U. S. A. After a long drill, numerous formations, covering every movement, from battalion to private, the judges awarded the prizes as follows: Silver cup to Company B, Captain J. B. Greiner, Wilmette, Ill., commanding; silk guidon, Company A, Captain Robert Lechner, Trenton, N. J., commanding; silver cup, Squad 1, Company A; best drilled cadet, toilet kit, Sumner V. Jones, Elyria, Ohio; Greiner efficiency prizes, Cadets Wm. Irwin; Dever Stuart, and Rafael Faxas; best drilled commissioned officer, Captain Robert G. Lechner; best drilled non-commissioned officer, Sergeant Ned Greiner; commandant's medals for best all-around officer, Lieut. Wm. Alexander, Carlisle, O.; best all-around non-commissioned officer, Sergeant Morse Garwood, Haddonfield, N. J.; best all-around private, Cadet Keith Grady, Tryon, N. C.

Academic prizes were awarded by Prof. H. J. Benchoff as follows: Col. Charles A. H. McCauley, first prize, gold cross, Robert G. Lechner; second prize, gold cross, Wm. Mosteller, Phoenixville, Pa.

These prizes are awarded for all-around conduct and good example in the school, and are the most highly prized awards given.

The Cooper D. Schmitt prize in mathematics was awarded to Cadet Jose Mier, Aguascalientes, Mexico, who made an average of 96% in final examinations, and carried off the school record for the year. This prize is given by Miss Virginia Schmidt, of Woodstock, in memory of her brother, who was a student at Mercersburg College, the University of Virginia, and Dean of the University of Tennessee, and won distinction in the field of mathematics.

The evening program on Tuesday was commencement proper, at which time orations were delivered by the eight graduates, the announcements for the closing were made, and another term was written in history.

The meeting of the Board of Trustees on Monday was an important one, as it in-

volved questions of moment, demanding solution. The several vacancies on the Board were filled by the election of new members, as follows: Rev. E. P. Skyles, Cumberland, Md., and Rev. H. H. Ranck, Washington, D. C. The organization of the Board was formed by the election of Rev. A. M. Gluck to the presidency; Rev. B. K. Hay to the vice-presidency, Rev. W. H. Causey as secretary, and Dr. J. B. Rush as treasurer. The Board consists of fifteen members, men loyal and vitally interested in the development of Massanutten into a school of complete equipment and high character of scholarship and Christian training.

The Board was pleased to have such a splendid report of the year's work, the finest in the history of Massanutten. Dormitories crowded, prosperity on all sides, and a feeling that the conduct of the boys and the spirit of the school was most commendable.

Such evidences of development brought the question of enlarged facilities to the front, with the result that resolutions were adopted to make plans for a new building, to include a fine gymnasium and additional dormitory facilities. A Building Committee was appointed as follows, to proceed with the plan: Chairman, Rev. A. M. Gluck; B. K. Hay, L. P. Teel, J. B. Rush, and Wm. C. Lantz. This committee will see that the task is accomplished, and there is every evidence that the future of Massanutten is encouraging. The year's enrollment showed boarding students, 107; day students, 45. Present indications would lead us to think that the enrollment for the next term will exceed this, if there were room to accept the applications arriving.

The new catalog will be ready for distribution in a few days, and will be an attractive book, showing off the beauty of the Shenandoah Valley, the Massanutten Mountains, and the features of the daily life at Massanutten.

MERCERSBURG ACADEMY COMMENCEMENT

The annual commencement exercises of the Mercersburg Academy came to a close on June 4.

On June 1 the baccalaureate sermon was preached by Dr. William Mann Irvine, who is concluding this year his 26th year as Head Master of this institution. Sunday evening, in the Academy Chapel, a solemn service was held in honor of the 48 Mercersburg boys who had laid down their lives in defence of their country. At this service the Head Master delivered a notable address, and Lieutenant Commander Joel T. Boone, of the class of 1909, the only surgeon in the U. S. Marines to come out of the Chateau-Thierry fight unscathed, gave a most interesting account of his attending the wounded under fire. Dr. Boone has been the recipient of nine citations and of five medals, including the coveted Congressional Medal of Honor.

On Monday afternoon ground was broken for the new Administration Building, which will cost upward of \$50,000. Of this sum, the amount of \$40,000 has already been subscribed. The principal speaker was former Governor Edwin S. Stuart.

On Tuesday the annual alumni luncheon was served in Keil Hall. The class day exercises were held under the trees on the campus. Shortly thereafter, the entire school gathered on the steps of Main Hall, where the steps songs, the most popular feature of a Mercersburg commencement, were rendered. In the evening the declamation contest for the Wood and the Baker prizes took place.

The commencement exercises, held on Wednesday morning in Keil Hall, were attended by nearly a thousand people. Dr. Irvine's address to the members of the

graduating class was a feature of the occasion.

The Senior Medal—Awarded to Philip Elsworth Allen, '19, Pittsburgh, Pa.

Kurzenknebe prize—Awarded to Herbert Branson Spackman, '20, Coatesville, Pa.

The J. Harry Wood prize in declamation—Awarded to Carl George Goelz, '19, Cincinnati, Ohio.

The Dorothy Baker prize in declamation—Awarded to Brooks Emeny, '20, Salem, Ohio.

Third prize in this contest awarded to Paul Richard Hess, '20, Chambersburg, Pa.

The Morgan prize in good citizenship—Subject of essay for the year 1918-1919, "The Duty of the Private Citizen in the Coming Era of Reconstruction." First prize of \$40 awarded to Philip Elsworth Allen, '19, Pittsburgh, Pa.; second prize of \$10 awarded to Frederick Boyer Noss, '19, Wakamatsu, Iwashiro, Japan; honorable mention, William Thomas McMillan, Jr., '19, Myersdale, Pa.

The Gillan prize in American biography—Open to entire school for competition. Subject for the year 1918-1919, "Theodore Roosevelt." Awarded to Francis Parry Browning, '19, Maysville, Ky. Honorable mention, Philip Elsworth Allen, '19, Pittsburgh, Pa.

The Daniel Martin Karcher prize in English—Awarded to George Roth Craig, '20, Edgewood, Pa. Honorable mention, Richard Morrow Steiner, '21, Grinnell, Iowa.

Bible prize of five dollars—Awarded to

Second and third prizes given by the Y. M. C. A.—Second prize of \$3, awarded to Philip Elsworth Allen, '19, Pittsburgh, Pa. Third prize of \$2, awarded to Richard Morrow Steiner, '21, Grinnell, Iowa.

Prizes in correct English—First prize of \$10, awarded to Samuel Winthrop Webb, '19, Lakewood, N. J. Second prize of \$5, awarded to William Thomas McMillan, Jr., '19, Myersdale, Pa. Honorable mention, Philip Elsworth Allen, '19, Pittsburgh, Pa.; Frederick Boyer Noss, '19, Wakamatsu, Iwashiro, Japan.

The Kuhn prize in mathematics—Awarded to Laurance LeWright Browning, '19, Maysville, Ky. Honorable mention, Frank Rahm Evens, Jr., '21, Ben Avon, Pa.

The John Waldron prize in debate—Awarded to Robert Simpson Bachman, '20, Easton, Pa.

Prize for best examination in original work in plane geometry—Awarded to Samuel Winthrop Webb, '19, Lakewood, N. J. Honorable mention, Frederick Christian Bachman, '20, Sharon, Pa.; Robert Franklin Moyer, '21, Allentown, Pa.

Prize of five dollars for best examination in Greek at sight—Awarded to Carl George Goelz, '19, Cincinnati, Ohio. Honorable mention, Philip Elsworth Allen, '19, Pittsburgh, Pa.; Samuel Winthrop Webb, '19, Lakewood, N. J.

The Aughinbaugh Virgil prize—Awarded to Philip Elsworth Allen, '19, Pittsburgh, Pa.

The Mercersburg Academy "Lit" prize of \$5—Awarded to Frederick Boyer Noss, '19, Iwashiro, Japan.

The Karux prize for best humorous sketch in the Karux—Awarded to Henry Parmentis Berry, '19, Washington, D. C.; Cecil Fabyan Mathey, '20, Cranford, N. J.

The Haller prize essay—Subject, "America's Part in World Reconstruction." Awarded to William Thomas McMillan, Jr., '19, Myersdale, Pa.

The Palmer prize essay—The subject for 1918-1919 is "The Future of Literature in America." Awarded to William Thomas McMillan, Jr., '19, Myersdale, Pa. Honorable mention, Philip Elsworth Allen, '19, Pittsburgh, Pa.

The Rankin prize in French—Awarded to Joseph Hutton Russell, '20, Warren, Ohio. A second prize awarded to Carroll Collier

Moreland, '20, Edgewood, Pa.

Prizes in money for excellence in theme writing—Class in Senior English: First prize awarded to Philip Elsworth Allen, '19, Pittsburgh, Pa.; second prize awarded to Francis Parry Browning, '19, Maysville, Ky.; third prize awarded to Moorhead Cowell Kennedy, Jr., '19, Chambersburg, Pa.; fourth prize awarded to Herbert Branson Spackman, '20, Coatesville, Pa.; fifth prize awarded to Paul Everett Coffman Fike, '20, Confluence, Pa. Class in Upper Middle English: First prize awarded to Carroll Collier Moreland, '20, Edgewood, Pa.; second prize awarded to Albert Trepel, '20, New York, N. Y.; third prize awarded to Bernard Kenneth Bank, '20, Kimball, W. Va.; fourth prize awarded to James Leddy Ash, '20, Middletown, Ohio. Class in Lower Middle English: First prize awarded to John Orehin Talbot, '21, South Weymouth, Mass.; second prize awarded to Richard Baum Reynolds, '21, Omaha, Neb.; third prize awarded to Clifford Silva Reuter, Jr., '21, New York, N. Y. Class in Upper Junior English: First prize awarded to Harold Hayne Shipp, '22, Pittsburgh, Pa.; second prize awarded to John Oscar Remers, '22, Grand Island, Neb. Class in Lower Junior English: Prize awarded to Charles Fish Sutherland, Jr., '23, Morgantown, W. Va.

Prize in books—This prize awarded to the student making the greatest progress during the school year 1918-1919. Awarded to Ramon Justo Delgado, '19, San Juan, Porto Rico.

Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute medal—Awarded to Moorhead Cowell Kennedy, Jr., Chambersburg, Pa.

The Wishard prize—Awarded to Samuel Winthrop Webb, '19, Lakewood, N. J.

The Cornelius H. Tyson memorial prize—Awarded to Edwin Brown Arnold, '23, Pittsburgh, Pa.

Marshall debating team medals—Ralph G. Smith, '19, Washington, D. C.; Brooks Emeny, '20, Salem, Ohio; George B. Moreland, Jr., Edgewood, Pa.; Moorhead C. Kennedy, Jr., '19, Chambersburg, Pa. (alternate).

The gold cross—Awarded to the boy exerting the best influence in the Academy during the school year 1918-1919. Awarded to Ralph Grame Smith, '19, Washington, D. C. Honorable mention, George Conrad Heikes, '20, Salt Lake City, Utah; Harry Thomas Tachovsky, '19, South Bethlehem, Pa.

The McLaughlin prizes for delivery—Awarded to Ralph Grame Smith, '19, Washington, D. C. Second prize, George Carl Goelz, '19, Cincinnati, Ohio.

HOOD COLLEGE

After the elaborate twenty-fifth commencement one year ago, and the anniversary and dedication exercises last November, it was thought the 1919 commencement would be rather simpler than usual. On the contrary, all things conspired to make this Hood's very best. The largest class of degree students, thirty in all; the largest number of visiting friends and returning alumnae; excellent addresses both at baccalaureate service and commencement; a high order of exercises by both class and college department, and finally, but quite fundamental, a weather combination of rain by night and sunshine by day, conspired to call forth the terse but repeated comment, "the best ever."

On Saturday morning, June 7th, the last chapel exercises were held with the ceremony known as "moving up day." At this time, with the promotion of the Seniors to the university of life, each of the other classes take their new places in the chapel. The guest of honor on this occasion was Miss Gertrude Hoy, 1912, of the Girls' School, Yenchow, China. Miss Hoy gave a delightful talk, expressing

her pleasure over her return to Hood and describing the life at the Girls' School.

On Saturday afternoon the Seniors were the guests of Dr. and Mrs. Apple at Hood Seminary. The unique feature of a delightful occasion was the distribution of souvenir pins secured in France by their soldier daughter, Miriam.

The baccalaureate message, from II Timothy 3: 15, was timely and eloquent, as presented by Dr. Wallace H. Wotring on Sunday evening, followed by the usual address to the graduates by President Apple. The music by the College Glee Club was of its usual high order.

Many friends visited the art exhibit in their studio during Monday and pronounced it one of the finest in the long career of the department. With twenty-six years to her credit, Miss Doub and her able assistant, Miss Helen Smith, are already planning for enlarged quarters and an even better year just ahead.

The Senior play, "Purple and Fine Linen," was given at the City Opera House to the largest audience of friends, and the cast covered itself with glory and, incidentally, more than realized the balance due on its Building Fund pledge. The particular part in building taken by this class was the erection of the "Nineteen-nineteen Tower" on Brodbeck Hall, and the erection of a flagpole on the comb of the roof nearby.

Tuesday was Class Day, and its exercises of the afternoon sparkled with interest and variety. The outstanding features were the especially fine addresses by the two honor graduates, first by Miss Edith Pfautz, of Lancaster, Pa., speaking on "The Challenge of the School," and second by Miss Esther Wotring, of Nazareth, Pa., taking as her subject, "The Place of Home Economics in a Liberal Education." The class, instead of an ivy, will place two large groups of shrubbery on either side of the front of Strawn Cottage. Step songs at seven-thirty and the concert at eighty-three were both enjoyed by large crowds and reflected credit upon those who participated and those who directed.

The Board of Directors completed their work on Tuesday morning, but announcement was deferred until commencement exercises on Wednesday morning.

An unusually high standard of commencement address was maintained by Dr. William J. Dawson, the Newark minister, lecturer and writer, who gripped his audience with his first sentence and held them throughout, as he plead for the conservation of the moral and spiritual ideals for which the war was fought. He stated that his hope was very definitely based on some sort of a league of nations, to which the audience gave loud and long applause. After awarding the degrees and announcing the certificates, President Apple made the following announcements: The alumnae scholarship is awarded to Miss Frances Carson, of the Class of 1921. The Charles J. Little Scholarship is continued to Miss Clara Sterquell, and the Sallie Conrad Fauntleroy Scholarship to Miss Helen Fisher. Prizes for the best story and the best poem in the "Lesbian Herald" were both won by Miss Edith Prautz. Honorable mention to the long and faithful service of Miss W. Augusta Lantz, who has just completed twenty-five years as a member of the faculty, a bouquet of congratulations and affections of the institution.

Material additions were announced to the resources of the institution whereby the new dormitory fund now aggregates about \$14,000. The President's Home Fund

received a very definite stimulus in the pledge of \$2,000 from the alumnae at their annual meeting one year ago. This amount has been somewhat exceeded by a group of personal friends, and with amounts provided for by the Board it is now assured that the building will go forward according to plans and specifications now in hand, early in the spring of 1920. At the same time it is hoped to have the new dormitory well under way. Announcement was made that it is the purpose of Hon. Andrew R. Brodbeck to complete Brodbeck Hall in 1920 by increasing its capacity and constructing a complete, commodious, modern stage. The capacity of Shriner Hall will be brought to its limit by changes on the fourth floor authorized this summer.

Bequests were announced of \$1,000 each from Mrs. Mary Slike and Annie Snively, late of Greencastle, Pa. These amounts were added to the Endowment Fund as permanent memorials to the generous donors. A unique gift of \$500 for the endowment of an alcove of the library for the English Department, as a testimonial to Mrs. Louisa Hunt Hendrickson, was announced. In planning for the ensuing year, the Board were confronted with the challenge of the Forward Movement for the loan of President Apple's services for one year, and with the resignations of Mrs. Anna Ellis Dexter, Mrs. Ida Capen Fleming, and Misses Marjorie Harrison, Nellie Blanchard and Grace Reeves. Their action provided for the services of Vice-President Charles E. Wehler during the absence of President Apple, and elected the following: As dean, Miss Helen Price, A. B. Swarthmore, Ph. D. University of Pennsylvania; head of the English Department, Miss Esther E. Shaw, A. B. Mt. Holyoke, A. M. and Ph. D. University of Michigan; head of the Department of Biology, Miss Mabel Bishop, A. B. Wellesley, A. M. Smith College; head of Home Economics Department, Miss Edith Andrews, B. S. Teachers' College; head of Voice Department, Mrs. A. Woodbury Hawes, of Rockford College, and Associate Teacher of Voice, Miss Mary H. Filler.

Luncheon was served under the trees at the pergola at one o'clock, and at two o'clock the alumnae banquet was served in Shriner Hall by Mrs. Carson and her assistants. The alumnae held their annual meeting at one o'clock, during which they received substantial additions to their pledge to the President's Home Fund. The reception to graduates and their friends was held in Alumnae Hall from eight to ten P. M., at which hour the commencement of 1919 passed into history and Hood completed her twenty-sixth year.

J. H. A.

ALLENTOWN COLLEGE

On Wednesday evening, June 4, 1919, the Alumnae Association of Allentown College for Women held its 9th triennial banquet at the Hotel Allen. As we took our seats at the tables, decorated so beautifully in the College colors by the gold and white of the daisy, which lends its charms so gracefully to our commencement festivities, we examined our programs, and at once there arose a feeling of curiosity as to what message each toast would bring us.

Music by the orchestra, college songs set to familiar tunes of the present day, cheers by the graduating class, who were our guests, helped to enliven the banquet, that was well prepared as well as promptly served. Mrs. William Xanders, as toastmaster, after appropriate words introduced Miss Anna Grim, who led the Alumnae to feel that Alumnae Hall should not be a dream any longer, but that the time had come when we ought to make it a reality. It was unanimously decided that Alumnae Hall should not be on paper only, but

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should stand at Cedar Crest, harmonizing with the other buildings as soon as possible. What a pleasure it will be to meet within its walls!

Having returned from 18 months' service overseas, Miss Ruth Krumanoher was fully able to relate her experiences as a Red Cross nurse. On the other hand, Mrs. Isaac Kahn in her usual pleasant manner discussed how woman rose and was equal to every emergency that required her service in these last busy years of war work at home.

Miss Elizabeth Zetty, who is about to enter the service for our Master, and will sail for Japan in August, showed us so well what Allentown College has done and can do for its daughters. Miss Zetty spent last year at Hartford, Conn., in preparation for her work among the Japanese. She was a leader among the students in all their activities, because she learned how to do things at A. C. W. She is a loyal alumna, who feels that she cannot give sufficient praise for the good work at A. C. W.

A feeling of pride arose in us as we heard Mrs. Walter Scott tell us what the Philadelphia Branch of the Alumnae Association had been doing. In less than three years more than fifteen hundred dollars had been raised by their branch, and we all feel as though a new incentive had been given to the rest of the A. C. W. teams that have been working for Alumnae Hall.

Miss Constance Harting, a member of this year's graduating class, pleased all of us in her toast on "To-morrow." Dr. and Mrs. Curtis were present as our guests. It is due entirely to the "Looking Ahead" of Dr. Curtis that our College is so beautifully located on Cedar Crest. As he addressed us on that subject we felt that the days of A. C. W. were continually growing brighter, and may the Alumnae as well as all the friends of the College help Dr. Curtis in his praiseworthy work. It will be hard to find a location so favorable in so many respects for the education of our daughters.

After the hearty singing of "Cedar Crest, Our Alma Mater," we bid each other a pleasant good-night, and on the following morning as we left the trolley car and ascended the hill, we saw as we never before had seen it, the beauty of Cedar Crest. To the north, south, east and west, we look down into the valleys, off again to the blue hills in the distance. Oh, what a vista lies before us! Any one who has stood on the wide veranda of the Administration Building and enjoyed that view will never forget it.

To the strains of music the graduating class, preceded by the undergraduates and the faculty, entered the auditorium, and surrounded by the friends of the institution, many of whom had to stand in the adjoining hall, the commencement exercises began. After the salutatory and valedictory by the Misses Guerber and Harting, respectively, Dr. Forrest Dager, of Philadelphia, delivered a suitable address to the graduates on "Veni, Vidi, Vici."

Mr. Raub, of Quarryville, a member of the Board of Trustees, gave a few remarks.

The A. B. degree was conferred upon the Misses Ruth B. Miller Edith C. Harting, Miriam H. Kroninger, Adelaide B. Merkle, and Ella L. Guerber. The B. S. degree was conferred upon the Misses Anna E. Hess, Esther M. Johns, and Jennie M. Wenner. Diplomas were awarded to Miss Frances W. Schwartz for completing the College piano course, and to Miss Helen M. Luckenbach for completing the course in expression. Miss Mary L. Hess, a graduate of the old course, having completed at Harvard and Lehigh Universities the requisite qualification, was given the A. B. degree.

At the conclusion of the exercises the Alumnae served a luncheon, where there were many friends of the institution, all of whom seemed to be impressed by the spirit of co-operation that was so clearly shown in the College festivities. Short and interesting talks served to make the luncheon more enjoyable. Here it was reported that a new course had been added by the Board of Trustees to the College curricula, namely, a secretarial course, one that will fill the wants of many girls.

Although the day was far spent, the Alumnae Association had an important meeting, at which time the planning and construction of Alumnae Hall was placed in the hands of the Executive Committee.

The Alumnae returned to their homes filled with enthusiasm and eager to raise funds for the culmination of their projects.

M. L. H.

As President of the College, I have so thoroughly enjoyed the commencement season which closed yesterday, that I want to share my joy with our friends throughout the Church. The year has closed in a most stimulating and encouraging way. Senator Grim, the President of our Board of Trustees, tersely characterized the year when he said: "We have had more things against us this year than we have ever had; but we have had the best year we have ever had." Possibly the reason lies in the fact that we were all put to our mettle and arose to our real strength. How proud our teachers were as they listened to the two student speakers on commencement morning. Their very faces told me that their hearts said, "Oh how much worth while our work really is!" The members of our Alumnae Association threw back their heads and said not only in words but in action, "We are getting prouder of our Alma Mater every year; let us do all we can to make her stronger each successive year." Our patrons gratefully thanked us on being able to do more for their daughters than they had anticipated. A year may be hard, it may tell on us, but when it closes with such a benediction it is abundantly worth while. Then, again, the spirit of our student body has undergone a tremendous change. Who has ever heard of an undergraduate leading the guests of an alumnae luncheon in a college yell the way Charlotte led the guests on Thursday? But that was the spontaneous outburst of the enthusiasm of those girls as Charlotte said, "You people don't know what a 'peach' of a school we have here."

Our friends, too, enjoyed the commencement season. Dr. Brooks, the pastor of the First Presbyterian Church in Allentown, and a frequent contributor to the "Outlook," witnessed our pageant, "The Shades of Night," and sent me the following letter:

"My Dear Dr. Curtis:

It was not possible to see you on Monday night, and to tell you personally how greatly I enjoyed the beautiful pageant. It was most charmingly done, and you should feel very proud and happy.

I am so glad that I was able to see it.

Faithfully yours,

(Signed) W. E. Brooks

June 5, 1919."

A mother whose daughter graduated was kind and considerate enough to write me the real feeling of her heart on June 3rd. She wrote:

"My Dear Dr. Curtis:

At this, my daughter's commencement season, I want to express my heartfelt appreciation to you, the faculty and the outside friends, who helped to bring her to this satisfactory and deeply desired step in her life. I cannot tell you what all your kindly interest in her welfare has meant to us both; your guiding, encouraging and supporting us at all times and especially when circumstances were such that we hardly knew what was the right thing for us to do.

The influence of the atmosphere of A. C. W. will show its effects in all her life and again in her influence over others.

God will continue to bless you in your future work as He has in the past.

Again thanking you I am very sincerely,

(Signed) ———."

NATIONAL SERVICE COMMISSION

Headquarters, Rev. W. Stuart Cramer, Lancaster, Pa.

The following is copied from the "New York Times," in recognition of the gift of the Reformed Church in the United States of \$25,000 to the Committee for Christian Relief in France and Belgium:

"A check for \$25,000 from the National Service Commission of the Reformed Church in the United States, with headquarters in Lancaster, Pa., has just been received by the Committee for Christian Relief at headquarters, No. 289 Fourth avenue, in this city. The Rev. W. Stuart Cramer, Executive Secretary, Treasurer of the Commission, writes:

"This is my first opportunity to sign a check for \$25,000, and I am very happy to send it in favor of the worthy cause which you represent. It is given by our people with a deep sense of the privilege which your committee affords of joining in the Christian relief of French and Belgian Churches. May your campaign be gloriously successful."

29TH ANNUAL ASSEMBLY FOR SPIRITUAL CONFERENCE OF MINISTERS AND LAYMEN, FRANKLIN AND MARSHALL ACADEMY, LANCASTER, PA., JULY 28 TO AUGUST 1, 1919

PROGRAM

Monday

7.45 P. M. Devotional Services, Rev. Paul J. Dundore, Ph. D., Latrobe, Pa.
Opening sermon, Rev. G. R. Poetter, Reading, Pa.

Tuesday

9.00 A. M. Devotional Services, Rev. Ira Gass, Pillow, Pa.
9.15 A. M. Bible Study, Prof. T. F. Herman, D. D., Lancaster, Pa.
10.00 A. M. The Limitations of God, Rev. Ray H. Dotterer, Ph. D., State College, Pa.
Discussion opened by Rev. A. O. Reiter, Pottsville, Pa.

7.45 P. M. Devotional Services, Rev. Alfred N. Sayres, Harrisburg, Pa.

8.00 P. M. The Present Situation of the Missionary Endeavor, Rev. A. R. Bartholomew, D. D., Philadelphia, Pa.
Discussion opened by Rev. J. Frank Bucher, Shenchowfu, China.

Wednesday

9.00 A. M. Devotional Services, Rev. W. R. Clark, Piteairn, Pa.
9.15 A. M. Bible Study, Prof. T. F. Herman, D. D., Lancaster, Pa.
10.00 A. M. The Moral Equivalent of War, Rev. J. L. Barnhart, B. D., Baltimore, Md.
Discussion opened by Rev. S. H. Stein, York, Pa.
10.45 A. M. A Safe Democracy, Rev. A. W. Barley, Tom's Brook, Va.
Discussion opened by Rev. John R. T. Hedeman, Baltimore, Md.
7.45 P. M. Devotional Services, Rev. Howard A. Robb, New Berlin, Pa.
8.00 P. M. Church Unity, Rev. W. D. Happel, Ph. D., Lebanon, Pa.
Community Co-operation, Rev. James M. Mullan, B. D., Baltimore, Md.

Thursday

9.00 A. M. Devotional Services, Rev. C. G. Bachman, New Holland, Pa.
9.15 A. M. Bible Study, Prof. T. F. Herman, D. D., Lancaster, Pa.
10.00 A. M. Business meeting.
10.15 A. M. Present Day Piety and Religion, Rev. F. C. Nau, D. D., Pittsburgh, Pa.
Discussion opened by Rev. Elam J. Snyder, Quakertown, Pa.
6.00 P. M. Banquet.
Toastmaster, Rev. Paul B. Rupp, McKeesport, Pa.
Speakers:
Passing the Buck, Rev. Scott R. Wagner, D. D., Reading, Pa.
A Chaplain's Reminiscences of Transport and Hospital, Rev. Arthur V. Casselman, Reading, Pa.
Over There, Rev. Harry N. Bassler, U. S. Army.

Friday

9.00 A. M. Devotional Services, Rev. C. T. Glessner, Ephrata, Pa.
9.15 A. M. Bible Study, Prof. T. F. Herman, D. D., Lancaster, Pa.
10.00 A. M. The New Idealism in the Era of Reconstruction, Rev. David Dunn, Turtle Creek, Pa.
Discussion opened by Prof. A. V. Hiester, Ph. D., Lancaster, Pa.

THE FORWARD MOVEMENT

By the Rev. Charles E. Schaeffer, D. D.

(Owing to a mistake of the printer the following was omitted in Dr. Schaeffer's article in last week's issue of the "Messenger.")

Third, outward. The Forward Movement is a reaching out for greater things. It will mark an era of expansion. We

shall have wider horizons, brighter outlooks and a greater outreach. It will mean the entrance upon new phases of Church life and activity. It will involve the occupancy of new mission fields at home and abroad. It will mean a great evangelistic effort, an outreaching for men and women for the Kingdom. It will mean an outreaching for recruits for the ministry. It will be a lengthening of our cords, as well as a strengthening of our stakes.

There is another phase which the Forward Movement must eventually take, and that is a financial drive. It is too early in its history to be speaking about this. No one knows what the definite amount needed will be. It is safe to say, however, that it will be approximately six millions of dollars. This drive will come, as Secretary Apple has phrased it, "at the end, not as the end of the Campaign." It would be a serious mistake to give the financial aspect of the Campaign the chief emphasis. The Movement has other and larger and more

important purposes than the raising of a sum of money, whether that be large or small.

It is important, until all the plans are thoroughly wrought out and the machinery set into complete motion, that pastors and people should keep an open mind and an attitude of ready response amounting to an eagerness to enter whole-heartedly and enthusiastically into the Movement, and then, when the whole body begins to go forward, everybody will fall into line and will do his part fully and effectually in meeting the greatest opportunity that has ever come to any people. This is the supreme hour for the Reformed Church as it is for any other Church. We know not why God in His wise providence should have in this decisive hour of the world's history committed such a tremendous responsibility upon this generation; but inasmuch as He has entrusted the obligation to us we dare not fail Him. When He speaks we must listen. When His voice says FORWARD, forward we must go.

The Church Services

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

Prof. Theo. F. Herman, D. D., Lancaster, Pa.

The Lesson for Sunday, March 30, being a Review for the past quarter, there are no notes in this issue of the "Messenger."

THE CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR TOPIC

By the Rev. Charles E. Schaeffer, D. D.

June 29th. What Does Loyalty to Our Church and Country Call For?

Matt. 22: 15-22.

Loyalty lies at the heart of every true relationship in life. Without it we cannot go very far. Almost everything depends upon it. It is the girdle that gathers together everything that is really worth while. It is one of the noblest qualities in life. Someone has said, "Loyalty is the soul of religion." It is likewise the soul of true patriotism. Every other virtue breaks down if this is wanting. Take your relationship to God. What does it all amount to if you are disloyal, unfaithful, if you cannot be depended upon, if in times of testing and trial you prove untrue? It is fidelity that puts the stamp to our religion. "Be thou faithful unto death and I will give thee a crown of life." The religion of Jesus Christ can never make any real progress, His Kingdom cannot be built up in the world if, in crucial and critical times, men go back on Him and forsake Him.

The same statement is true with reference to your relationship to the Church. Loyalty implies that you must enter heartily and enthusiastically into the program, the whole program of the Church of Jesus Christ. The Church has suffered irreparably because so many of its nominal members have been untrue and have not given themselves unreservedly to its plans and policy. Whatever may be said of the Church, either in criticism or in commendation, we should never forsake her. If she is wrong in some of her ways and methods, we should seek to correct the same. If she is right, then we ought to cherish and promote the same, but in either case the followers of Christ want to stand unflinchingly by the institution which represents Him in the world.

Take your relationship to your fellowmen. Loyalty is the bond that binds. Business and trade and fellowship must fall if men prove untrue to each other. The most sacred relationships in life are nullified if loyalty fails.

Take your relationship to your country. A nation is strong and great only as its citizens are devoted to its highest principles and purposes and are willing to defend the same, even at the sacrifice of their own lives. Our country would never have won this World War if it would have had to depend upon the slackers and runaways. But our men were loyal. They did not count their lives dear unto themselves in the maintenance of the ideals which the country espoused.

It may help us to understand this principle of loyalty in our lives by making every letter express a certain fact:

L—love. There can be no loyalty without love. Loyalty must be the free, spontaneous attitude of the soul. It cannot be forced or coerced. One cannot be driven to loyalty. It is a matter of the heart rather than of external compulsion. There is such a thing as an outward compulsion and an inward repulsion. We are never really loyal to any relationship unless love is at the root of it. If we love God, if we love the Church, if we love our country it is only natural that we should be loyal. Love is something that can be cultivated. It is capable of growth and development. If we love God we will keep His commandments. If we love our fellowmen we will be fulfilling the law. Love and loyalty are twin-born and throughout life they go hand in hand.

O—obedience. Loyalty expresses itself in obedience. It implies the merging of our wills and motives with those of the object of our loyalty. A spirit of revolt and rebellion means disloyalty and disaster. Loyalty involves a readiness to do and to dare. It is more than a kindly or a friendly feeling. It is a courageous, heroic attitude that throws itself whole-heartedly and unreservedly into the task to which the individual is pledged. Such obedience is implicit in its character. It does not hesitate or halt between two opinions.

••• Their's not to make reply,
Their's not to know the reason why,
Their's but to do and die."

Y—youth. Loyalty is something that must be begotten in early years. It is a very difficult thing to become loyal late in life. Old people as a rule do not form strong attachments. It is an unusual thing for people advanced in life to become closely identified with that for which they had no concern during all the previous period of their life. The object of our loyalty must, therefore, early claim the attention of our people. Loyalty to the Church should have its beginning in early life when the heart is tender and plastic, when the soul is ready to accept new loves and is hospitable to all sorts of influences. It is folly for young people to think that they can go on in their own way and then later in life settle down and become devoted followers of Christ. The likelihood is that they will never do it. Our lives always tend to fixity. We gradually become incapable of changing our habits and our attitude, and if we do not choose to love and obey Christ and to be devoted to the interests of our country while we are young, the likelihood is that we will never do so in later life.

A—achievement. Loyalty is a very active virtue. It is something more than passive, pious phrases. It is activity, achievement. People can sing, "I love Thy Church, O God," but they may do nothing for the Church. They may stand aloof from her real mission and program. This attitude of aloofness is abominable. A man may shout for the flag and sing, "My Country, 'Tis of Thee," and yet not do anything for the protection and the promotion of those things for which that symbol stands. Loyalty means action, accomplishment, achievement, if it means anything at all.

L—liberality. Loyalty to Church and country involves liberality. This has been notably illustrated during the last few years, especially so far as the call of the country has been concerned. The spirit of liberality laid hold of our people. They gave themselves willingly. They gave of their sons and of their substance. The spirit of self-sacrifice was everywhere manifest. Young men gave their lives, their fortunes, their future for the country. The springs of liberality were never more deeply and more strangely stirred. This same spirit must characterize our loyalty to the Church. The work of the Kingdom cannot be adequately financed by small gifts. People should lavish their wealth upon God's altar as they have been laying it upon the altar of their country. They should give their sons and daughters to bear the message of good-will to all the world, even as they gave their sons for their country. Loyalty must express itself in gifts and contributions, in sacrifice and service. Loyalty means the giving of life to the limit.

T—truth. Someone has defined loyalty to mean, "To be true to truth." Loyalty is truth in action. That is its beating heart. "To thine own soul be true, and it must follow, as the day the night, thou canst not then be false to any man." Be true to your ideals, to your convictions, to your task, to your pledges, to God, to your Church, to your country. This gives loyalty its strength and power. Nothing can ever withstand the truth. The eternal years are hers. It may be crushed for a while; it may be temporarily defeated and dethroned, but it always comes back to its own and it conquers in the end. The whole universe is on its side and all the world conspires to make it triumphant. Speak the truth, love the truth and you will come forth more than conqueror.

Y—you. Loyalty is, in the final analysis, a very personal matter. We cannot shift its responsibility on to someone else. We cannot say that it is a very fine, admirable

quality for others, but that it does not apply to ourselves. Loyalty concerns the individual soul. One disloyal person can work a lot of damage. One traitor can demoralize the entire group. Temporarily the whole Apostolic group was disorganized when Peter denied Jesus and when Judas betrayed Him. Paul's soul sank within him as he wrote, "Demas hath forsaken me, having loved this present world." The disloyal people in the Church

have checked her progress through the world. One disloyal citizen can jeopardize the life of a whole city or a nation. You must be loyal no matter what others are. You must be dependable if all others are slackers.

"Can the Lord depend on you?
Can the Lord depend on you?
Does He find you ever true?
Can the Lord depend on you?"

News of the Woman's Missionary Society

[Send Communications to Mrs. E. W. Lentz, Bangor, Pa.]

The thirty-fourth annual meeting of the W. M. S. of Philadelphia Classis was held in the First Church, Spring City, Pa., Rev. Dallas R. Krebs, pastor. It was a largely attended meeting and full of interest from beginning to end. Miss Gertrude Hoy, principal of our Girls' School at Yochow City, China, was the speaker. She was very interesting and enjoyed by all present. Treasurer J. S. Wise was present and made a neat little speech, thanking the society for the \$500 Building Fund, which was turned over to the Home Board.

The society went "over the top" along all lines. The budget was overpaid, the amount for the year being sixteen hundred dollars. The Thank Offering was \$605.37. Mrs. Dallas R. Krebs, Spring City, and Mrs. C. H. Wolford, Norristown, were elected as delegates to W. M. S. of E. S. Miss Ella Clymer was elected to represent our society at the Missionary Conference at Collegeville. The hospitality shown us by the good people of Spring City Church will be long remembered. A bountiful luncheon was served to the members and friends of the society.

Mrs. Ella M. Brandt, who was our faithful and efficient treasurer for a period of ten years, was suddenly called to her heavenly home a few weeks prior to the annual meeting. She will be sadly missed, as she was a true missionary worker and ever ready to do her part for the advancement of God's cause. It was but fitting that her daughter, Miss Florence Brandt, should take the treasurer's place, made vacant by the death of her mother.

The Classical Society was invited to hold its semi-annual meeting in the Church of the Ascension, Norristown, Rev. Harry Bright, pastor, in November.

A Missionary Topic of the New Era

For their May meeting, the Missionary Society of St. Luke's Church, Lock Haven, Pa., to demonstrate the child labor problem of our nation, principally in the New England and Southern States, included as a second part of their program about 70 pictures shown with lantern slides, giving in a pageant a bird's eye view of the industrial procession of children in our States. These slides were secured from the

National Child Labor Committee, 105 East Twenty-second street, New York City, as the April number of the "Outlook of Missions" suggested. Some who saw the pictures remarked that they graphically portrayed pitiable conditions among the children of some industrial centers. It is well to bring this information to our older Christian people, that their zeal for bettering all conditions of men may increase.

The Mission Band of St. Luke's Church, organized last March, has met regularly each Saturday afternoon under the leadership of Miss Harriet Seiver. They have studied "Miss Wistaria" and "Jack and Janet Around the World."

Missionary Clinic Presented

The Y. W. M. A. of Stone Church, Rev. Henry B. Reagle, pastor, presented the "Missionary Clinic" on the afternoon of May 24 in the Sunday School room. In response to an invitation sent to each woman member of the congregation, a large number gathered to enjoy the clinic. Miss Florence Diehl portrayed the part of the Doctor most admirably. All the other parts were well rendered.

After the Clinic, five young women responded to the invitation extended for new members. A short musical preceded the rendition of the Clinic. Miss Emma Raesly is the President of the organization.

Annual Classical Meetings

Goshenhoppen—The annual meeting of the W. M. S. of Goshenhoppen Classis was held in Trinity Church, Pottstown, Pa., on the afternoon and evening of May 8.

The devotional services were conducted by Mrs. George W. De Vinney, of Pottstown, after which the general routine business was taken up. The various reports showed the society to be in a good healthy condition. Miss E. B. Anderson, of Royersford, delegate to the Missionary Conference at Collegeville last summer, gave a very interesting report.

Rev. Frank Bucher, principal of East-view Boys' School, Shenchowfu, China, gave the address of the evening session. He spoke on "Womanhood in China."

The statistics showed gains in membership and finances. The following sum-

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maries are of interest: Number of societies, 4; members, 178; congregational societies, 1; members, 15; Thank Offering, \$160; total of budget and special gifts, \$421.40; number of "Outlook of Missions," 113.

Gettysburg—The 14th annual convention of the W. M. S. of Gettysburg Classis was held in St. Paul's Church, New Oxford, Pa., Thursday afternoon and evening, May 15.

NEWS OF THE WEEK

The Anarchists.—Only a few weeks ago the whole country was startled by the widespread effort of these deluded people to commit a series of crimes by means of sending explosive bombs through the mails. The effort failed completely and not a life was lost. On Monday night of last week another country-wide attempt was made to murder various public men, notably Attorney General Palmer and Mayor Davis, of Cleveland. One of the anarchists was blown to pieces by his own bomb, and again the whole plot failed.

The one thing fully accomplished by this last attempt was, not the terrorizing of the people, as evidently intended by the conspirators, but the rousing of the country to a determination to clear the State of the whole anarchistic tribe. Some think this cannot be done, but the chances are that it can. Congress is considering the passing of a law that will be so sweeping that one can hardly imagine it ineffective, if the Government officials are vigilant to enforce it. Several measures now pending are probable within a few days to be combined into one, and to pass both House and Senate.

A few of the provisions of these proposed bills are, that any alien acknowledging himself an anarchist or opposed to the Government, will be deported, and if he returns he will be imprisoned from five to twenty years. It will be made a misdemeanor with the penalty of a heavy fine and imprisonment for anyone to belong to any organization that advocates the overthrow of Government or the use of force or violence against persons or property on political or economic grounds, or even to print or have in one's possession literature advocating the same. With such a Federal law operative in all the States all anarchistic gatherings and publications can be disposed of, and with this accomplished, the movement in all parts of the country will go to pieces. Such a law should be passed and enforced as quickly as possible.

Daylight Saving.—The recent unsuccessful attempt to insert a repeal of the daylight saving clause in the Agricultural bill has brought forth protests from the press against such attempts. It now seems doubtful if the opponents of the law will ever succeed in securing its repeal. The following is from the Pittsburgh Chronicle Telegraph:—

Marcus N. Marks, president of the National Daylight Saving Association, in a communication to the press, says it will not do to assume that the serious organized opposition to the new summer time scheme has quit just because it received a setback by Congress. He urges the defense to repel the new attack, now beginning. It is easy to understand Mr. Marks's anx-

The afternoon session was devoted to business. Encouraging reports were made by the officers and delegates. There were 13 congregations represented. Two life members were reported.

At the evening session Rev. Frank Bucher made an able address, using as his subject, "Woman's Work in China." The offering at both sessions will be used to help rebuild North Japan College.

iety, but the original attempt to stampede the Nation having failed, there will be no general disposition to worry. The majority of the people are pretty well satisfied with daylight saving. The housewife looks at her lighting bills and smiles comfortably. The amateur gardener gazes affectionately at his growing vegetables and flowers, unusually flourishing because of the increased time devoted to their care. The golfer grins, "I'm for it." The American Federation of Labor approves it. So do the chambers of commerce and the women's clubs throughout the country.

Probably no measure vitally affecting every man, woman or child has ever received such general indorsement. As usual, the objectors have made an amount of noise out of proportion to their numbers. The folk who want to stand pat have said little. They are content. We are not going to turn the clocks back before the end of next October. Until then, "Backward, turn backward, O Time in thy flight," is not going to be very popular.

Former Emperor Charles.—On the shores of Lake Geneva, Switzerland, former Emperor Charles of Austria has secured a residence, not far from the future capital of the League of Nations. Here he has settled with his family and servants, numbering about twenty.

A Dry League for the World.—The Anti-Saloon League of America, which met in Washington last week, made a movement in the direction of forming an international prohibition league. Representatives from various foreign countries were on hand, and it seems probable that such an organization will soon materialize.

West Virginia Gas Problem.—The State of West Virginia decided some time ago to limit the amount of natural gas it was supplying to Ohio and Pennsylvania to the surplus after her own people had all they needed. Both Ohio and Pennsylvania brought suit against West Virginia and the Supreme Court has sustained them and granted an injunction.

Stars and Stripes.—An American newspaper in France in the English language, entitled the Stars and Stripes, decided to suspend on June the 13th. The reason is the rapid demobilization of the American troops and their departure from French soil.

Montenegro.—The little kingdom of Montenegro, in the Balkans, has officially decid-

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ed to abandon its separate existence and become a part of Serbia. Its recent king, Nicholas, fled the country in a moment of danger and his people now repudiate him. The new addition will give Serbia 5,000 square miles more territory and half a million greater population.

Refuse to Join the Blockade.—Several neutral nations, among them Sweden, Norway and Switzerland, have decided not to join in the blockading of German ports in case Germany refuses to sign the peace pact and the Allies consequently attempt to close her ports.

The Future of Austria.—The treaty handed by the Allies to the Austrian envoys last week provides for the literal tearing to pieces of the whole Austrian Empire. Before the war Austro-Hungary contained a population of fifty-one millions; the new Austrian Republic, in the center of which is the city of Vienna, will have scarcely more than seven million people.

How the Soul Saving Society of the Nibancho Church of Sendai chased the Wind

Mrs. Anna M. Schneder

It was in the month of June when it all happened. We were told that our Interdenominational Orphanage here was in dire need and that they should have help at once.

It was just two weeks before the strawberries would be at their height and a brilliant thought came to me. Why not try having a strawberry festival and bazaar combined? That week our society met, and



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I told the ladies of the need of the Orphanage and of the plan that had occurred to me. They all enthusiastically agreed to shoulder the undertaking. They were willing to do anything to help the little children. But when I told them that everyone would have to make something, and that every lady was to beg something from the merchants with whom she dealt, you should have seen their faces. To make something they were ready enough, but to beg was something they had never in their lives done before. They doubted if they could do that. But finally they said, "We will try it, if it will bring help to the little ones."

We had just two weeks to get ready for the occasion, so all went to work like a lot of busy bees. Dr. Faust kindly agreed to our using the Girls' School gymnasium and dining hall. The Governor and Mayor gladly gave their consent to the undertaking, and the newspaper men did all they could to give big publicity to the affair. Every missionary in the city joined in the good work by contributing ice cream, cakes and biscuits; and then in addition came to lend a helping hand. On account of classes we could not occupy the gymnasium until 3.30 Friday afternoon of the 21st of June, and the bazaar was to open at 10 o'clock Saturday morning of the 22nd. On Friday morning I wish you could have taken a peep into our home. It was just packed with all kinds of things that were sent in by the merchants of the city, and by the members of our society. And when the clock pointed to 3.30 Friday afternoon, there were about 50 women at work in our Girls' School.

The gymnasium on Saturday morning was a perfect picture with all its decorations, and its artistically laden tables. At the first table that met one's eye as one entered was Mrs. Guinther, chairman of a table packed with cookies and biscuits, or "high collar cakes," as we named them. With her were three Japanese ladies who acted as salesladies. The next table, so beautifully decorated by the artistic hand of Mrs. Paul Gerhard, was filled with layer cakes of all kinds, and the ladies with their pretty little aprons on sold cake just as fast as Mrs. Gerhard and Mrs. Nicodemus could cut them. The next table was superintended by Miss Lindsey, whose popular specialty is coffee. On the other side of the room were two big tables filled with things donated for sale. One table held things that were made by the members themselves and the other table displayed things sent in by the merchants. Two glistening pyramids of ice enclosing beautiful bouquets of flowers, the generous gift of the ice factory, drew one's eye to the flower table presided over by Miss Seymour and Mrs. Sato. But the salesmen were the little missionaries' children, which made the flowers sell at scandalous prices.

The dining room tempted the hungry with ice cream, strawberries, chicken and waffles, and reliable old-fashioned Japanese lunches—osushi. If you could have taken a look into the improvised kitchen you would have seen a busy lot—some washing dishes, others drying them, some washing strawberries and putting them into dishes, five people baking waffles, others dishing ice cream, etc. Mrs. Seiple had charge of the ice cream department, being famous for her brand of creamless ice cream.

At 10 o'clock the people began coming,

and soon it looked as if whole Sendai had turned out to attend our bazaar and festival. The Governor and his wife, the Mayor, Countess Sakama, Baroness Date, and all the dignitaries in the city honored us by their presence. The people came so thick and fast that we ladies had to work like Trojans to supply the wants of our guests. Our ladies, no doubt, never worked so hard in their lives before, but all were happy to do it, because it was to help the poor orphans. If you could have seen the ladies flying around attending to the wants of their guests, and trying to make it pleasant for all who attended, your estimation of the Japanese woman's ability would have been greater than it has ever been, and your noses would have risen high with pride, as we say here. Everything was selling fast but some old-fashioned little hats for babies, and the salesladies of that table called me to their rescue. So I undertook to auction them off—about 20 of them. Why, you should have seen those hats go! In ten minutes they were all gone.

At 5.30 we were all sold out. Not a thing was left in the place. We then gathered around our treasurer to see what had been taken in. You should have seen the joy on every face when we learned that the amount was yen 764.00. After settling up all our expenses we found we had netted yen 543.00 in money besides yen 30.00 worth of food and other things that we did not try to sell, but thought best to hand right to the orphanage. Can our American sisters beat that?

The next day some of the ladies were laid up from overwork. But when I visited them to comfort them they laughed and said, "We will soon be all right. I am glad to bear the little pain I have for the poor children's sake."

After the bazaar was over we had a thanksgiving meeting to thank God for the great success He had given to our labors. As we were sitting together and talking things over after the meeting, one lady said, "And just think, the whole thing was done without any disagreements at all; everything in perfect harmony and love." The people who attended were astonished at the earnestness of the ladies and the love and good will that pervaded the place.

The city people were much pleased with the affair, and many thought we should have such an affair two or three times a year, because it brought the missionaries and people closer together, and all had such a happy social time together. We everyone of us believe that it did much for Christ and His work in Sendai.

We cannot give a bazaar two or three times a year, but we hope to give one a year, if possible. We are planning now to give one in June. We have decided this year to give the proceeds toward helping build a new academy building in place of the one we lost in the great Sendai fire of last week. If there is anyone who would like to make us a little something for this bazaar to help us get our school rebuilt again, we will be deeply thankful. Things from America will add great interest to the bazaar. The ladies are delighted if they can buy things that their sisters in America have made. When I returned from the home land, I had some beautiful aprons that Mrs. Kleckner's Bible Class, of Allentown, had given me. When we had the bazaar the ladies said, "Don't you have something from America for the table? It would be such an attraction." So I got out my aprons and three sewing bags that had been given me. The ladies were just wild with delight when they saw them. And do you know that 15 minutes after the bazaar opened the American things were all gone, though they were sold at a very high price.

This same Bible Class has already sent us some aprons, handkerchiefs, and other

Boys' Work

"The Messenger" readers who read Mr. Haller's article on "Need for More Boys' Work" (June 12th issue) will be interested in the following selected list of books. They will be found helpful in the study of boy life and training.

Boy Life and Self-Government, by G. W. Fiske, \$1.

The Boy Problem, by William Byron Forbush, 50c.

The Boy Problem in the Home, by Forbush, \$1.

That Boy of Yours, by J. S. Kirtley, \$1.

Fishers of Boys, by W. McCormick, \$1.

Brothering the Boy, by W. E. Rafferty, 75c.

The Boy Scout Movement Applied by the Church, by Richardson, Norman and Loomis, \$1.50.

The Boy and the Church, by Eugene C. Foster, 75c.

God's Book and God's Boy, by A. F. Schaffler, \$1.

Guiding Boys Over Fool's Hill, by A. H. McKinney, \$1.25.

The Coming Generation, by Forbush, \$1.75.

The High School Age, by Irving King, \$1.

The Sunday School and the Teens, by John L. Alexander, \$1.

Boy Training, by Alexander, 75c.

The Teens and the Rural Sunday School, by Alexander, 50c.

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The Second Line of Defense, by Margaret Slattery, \$1.

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Girl Life

Leaders of Girls, by Clara Espey, 75c.

Girlhood and Character, by Mary E. Moxey, \$1.50.

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All things should be sent parcel post six weeks at least before the time. Very small things can be sent sample post. In declaring things and giving their value, be sure to give the wholesale value, as duty is high here. We hope to have the bazaar about the same time as last year.

Pray for us, that this year's bazaar be a still greater success than the one held last year, and that its influence be still greater in helping our people to see the spirit of a true follower of the Lord Jesus Christ. Also that our income be twice what it was last year, so that we can have at least a thousand yen to help rebuild our beloved school building. God grant that through this terrible calamity, our school and its students may become a mightier power than ever for God's glory in this land.

BETHANY ORPHANS' HOME

Rev. W. F. More, D. D., Superintendent.

One of the Girls

We might have made our subject "An Unusual Visitor," which would have made it more definite but less adapted to our purpose. And after all, this unusual visitor is "one of the girls."

We found her here when we came to the Home almost 15 years ago. She was then a little girl who, together with her older sister, had been placed into the Home a few years before, when she was five years of age. She remained in the Home until she was seventeen. By that time she had earned a well deserved reputation for a worthy ambition, inflexible determination and untiring perseverance. She made a good record in the Bethany schools and was an esteemed member of the Bethany family.

Through the efforts of Bethany this "one of the girls" was brought to the attention of helpful friends who made it possible for her to pass through and graduate from the Allentown College for Women at Cedar Crest. While at the College she won the prize given by the Liberty Bell Chapter of the D. A. R. for the best essay of a patriotic nature on an assigned subject. In other ways also she distinguished herself and reflected credit upon her College and upon Bethany.

The Superintendent finds great satisfaction in hearing favorable reports about any one of the girls" (or of the boys). He was, therefore, greatly pleased to hear, from an authoritative source, that those who recently examined candidates for the foreign field, expressed themselves in the highest terms concerning this "one of the girls," as being among the best prepared who had ever appeared before them.

For this one of the girls has decided to become a foreign missionary and has received her appointment. She will sail in August, for Japan, where she will henceforth labor. And thus it has come about that the child who, by force of circumstances, became a ward of the Church at the age of five has now volunteered and is

given the opportunity to repay a debt of gratitude by serving the Lord in the foreign field.

How this came about is best told by the girl herself as she told it to the Mission Board and now tells it to you at my request. She writes: "What made me decide to be a missionary? Where did I receive my religious training? These are questions I am often asked. Back to childhood days at Bethany I must go for my answer. There I was in the center of Christian influence and training, everything being done to develop a strong Christian character. We were in close touch with missionary work and many were the times when we had the privilege of hearing our missionaries speak at Bethany. We were given the best; the highest ideals were kept before us. The leadership and guidance of our teachers and matrons; the faith and trust in Jesus whom we learned to know and love; these were great forces in shaping my life and helped me to answer the challenge and decide to work for the Master wherever He had need of me.

Leaving Bethany and going to the Allentown College for Women, at Cedar Crest, I was again in a Church school under Christian influences where heart as well as mind was developed. With careful training in childhood and the privileges of a College education my life was filled with blessings, and then came the time when the challenge that had come in childhood had to be answered. What was I going to do with my life? Where could I be of greatest service? I am going to give it to the Master to use in His vineyard."

The unusual visitor of to-day, the foreign missionary that is to be, but always "one of the girls."

HOFFMAN ORPHANAGE, LITTLETOWN, PA.

Rev. Andrew H. Smith, Superintendent.

On Saturday evening, May 31st, at 7 o'clock, in the presence of a number of interested members of the Reformed Churches, ground was broken for the foundation of Emmanuel Cottage for Girls. This marks the busy epoch of expansion so much demanded because of the application of 67 dependent orphans to the privileges of Hoffman Orphanage. Our program was brief but impressive. Rev. Milton Whitener, of Littlestown, opened with the invocation. "America" was then sung, after which the children recited the 1918 and 1919 Psalms, the 23rd and the 133rd respectively. Rev. Francis S. Lindaman, D. D., Vice-President of the Board, offered the prayer, then the orphans sang, "No Room in the Inn." Rev. Abner S. DeChant, D. D., President of the Board and pastor of the congregation that is building "Emmanuel Cottage," delivered one of his characteristic addresses very much to the delight of the orphans and their guests. Then ground was broken and shovelled by every one present on a cart drawn by the handsome black horse "Bill," who proudly walked away with the first load of earth on the Home cart nicely decorated with the nation's colors. "Praise God, from whom all blessings flow," was heartily sung, after which the Superintendent pronounced the benediction.

When the two new cottages, Emmanuel and Zion, are completed and the school house furnished and equipped our family will be so large that it will be impossible to get along any further without a cook. It is almost two years since we have been without the services of a cook. We eat nevertheless, and it is not a "hand out" but regular meals nicely prepared by our older girls. Yes, we will need a cook, a good one, economical, clean and sweet. Also two matrons, one for older girls, another

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The ladies are reminded of the fact that at the coming anniversary, August 28, the Auxiliary will conduct a bazaar, for which we desire useful and saleable articles. When you have them made mark them at their cash value and send them to the Orphanage.

THE FORWARD MOVEMENT

(Continued from Page 2)

"Jesus, sun divine, upon us
With perpetual brilliance gleam,
Fill our hearts, each sense enlighten,
With the Spirit's hallowing beam."

What, then, is the great ideal? Is it not that all men may be filled with that spirit of holy love working for the perfection of humanity! God would have men grow in his image, become like Him, be filled with the spirit of the holy love of the infinite. Men must see that by allowing the spirit of the holy love of God to permeate and saturate the whole of life and its institutions these will be made new creatures. This is the Christian ideal. The Forward Movement of the Reformed Church will be a great step forward toward its realization.

REV. J. W. KNAPPENBERGER

Appreciation of Niantic Clergyman's Faithful Services in the Ministry

(Contributed)

The death of Rev. J. William Knappenberg, pastor of the Congregational Church in Niantic, on May 30, removed from the Church and from the community and from the wide circle of his ministerial friends a man of singularly sweet and attractive personality, a cultured Christian gentleman.

Coming from Pennsylvania, where he had been pastor, professor and college president, he resided a while in New Haven for the health of his wife, and was engaged in business, listening occasionally to Yale Theological Seminary lectures, and making acquaintance with ministerial friends, till, at the suggestion of some of them, little thinking that there was any place for a man of his denomination to work in Connecticut, he came one Sunday, 12 years ago, to supply the vacant pulpit at Niantic.

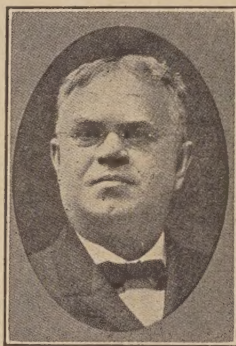
The people received him gladly, called him to be pastor, at once, and kept him and co-operated lovingly with him all the remaining years of his life. Though not of Congregational lineage and training, he worked easily and naturally, and effectively along Congregational lines with a wide and varied background of culture and experience to give direction and influence to his Niantic ministry.

He won friends everywhere. He was devoted to his little (Home Missionary) Church, giving it of his best in sermons and service, and was the medium of many improvements and additions within and without the plant. Summer visitors were interested in him, in his preaching and in his Church and left behind many evidences of their good will and appreciation of his friendship and spiritual help.

The community, also, felt the touch of his modern Christian spirit, through its Village Improvement Society, of which he was a conspicuous leader, and through other activities set in motion by him. The other Churches of the place were glad to co-operate, as they could, in his work as citizen.

His own Church people testified continually, even to the end, their devotion to him and his faithful wife, by manifold good works, holding fast the pastoral bands, unwilling to have him resign as he thought of doing, during his long illness.

The circle of his ministerial friends in New London enjoyed his talks and papers at their monthly meetings, and recognized



Rev. J. W. Knappenberg

in him a man of wide learning, deep spiritually, intensely interested in preaching and pastoral work, and capable of a much larger sphere of influence, which was once his in his old preaching and teaching days, and which only his later bodily infirmity and the health of his beloved wife, prevented him from occupying to the last.

As it was, he filled to the full the measure of his opportunities, wherever he was, and doubtless he never worried himself over comparative size of fields of service. He was busy about his Master's business as it was daily given him to do.

The Niantic Church appreciated him highly. It will realize more vividly, as the years go by, what a treasure it had in him, and thank God for the circumstances that brought them together at the first and for opening out to them through him a vision of the world kingdom of Christ.—From the "New London Evening Day."

MRS. SARAH JOHNSTON KLINE

It was a great shock to the ministers and people of the Pittsburgh Synod to learn, early in June, of the sudden death of Mrs. Rev. A. K. Kline, so well and favorably known in this section and elsewhere in the Reformed Church. She was taken seriously ill only a few days before her death, and by the advice of her physician was removed from her home in Jeanette, Pa., to the hospital in Greensburg. An operation for appendicitis was performed. From this she did not fully rally, but fell peacefully asleep in Jesus, June 4th, 1919.

Mrs. Sarah Johnston Kline was the daughter of William and Susan Harbaugh Johnston, of near Waynesboro, Pa. She was born in the family home on January 14th, 1850. Her mother was a sister of Rev. Dr. Henry Harbaugh, and one of her brothers was Rev. George H. Johnston, pastor of Reformed Churches at Somerset,

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Easton and Philadelphia. Rev. and Mrs. Kline were married May 23rd, 1877, a year after he had entered the ministry, after graduating at Franklin and Marshall College and the Eastern Theological Seminary, as pastor of the South Bend Charge in Armstrong County, Pa.

Mrs. Kline at once joined her husband as an earnest and devoted Church, Sunday School and missionary worker, in which labors she continued steadfastly and enthusiastically to the end of her life. She was an ideal minister's wife, a great help to her husband in his sacred work, and an inspiration to the congregations of which he was pastor. The brethren always found a hearty welcome in her home, and much of the conversation by her fireside and at her table was concerning the interests of the Church and forward movements in her beloved Zion. While her husband was City Missionary in Pittsburgh the following brief article from her pen appeared, which is quoted as showing the trend of her thoughts:

"Where are the young people of the Reformed Church in Allegheny Classis? Never in the history of the Classis has there been a young people's union meeting for any purpose whatever. Could not the young people of Pittsburgh and vicinity come together and lay plans for united Christian effort for definite special work in supporting missions and for study classes, that they may be better prepared for future service? Who will take the initiative in gathering these latent forces of our Church and starting them to work on broader lines?"—"Reformed Church Visitor," January, 1906.

Mrs. Kline was a faithful helper of her husband in his pastorates at South Bend, Pa., Woodstock, Va., Braddock, Elwood, and Grove City, Pa., and in the congregations of which he laid the foundations as City Missionary. She was also much interested in the general work of the Church and was often a delegate to Classical, Synodical and General Synod's Missionary Conventions. She was, for a number of years, treasurer of the General Synod's Missionary Society, and rendered excellent service on the floor and on committee work of that important body. She was modest and retiring in disposition, but when good sense and sound judgment were needed her word had great weight. In Church matters she was very generous in time, labor and money.

The funeral was held in the home in Jeannette. Rev. Dr. J. M. Runkle, pastor of the Reformed Church of Jeannette, had charge of the service. Rev. Daniel Gress, president of Westmoreland Classis, offered the prayer, and the writer of this notice made the address. It was Mrs. Kline's desire that no funeral sermon should be preached. The following ministers were present: Revs. Dr. E. S. Bromer, E. D. Bright, William C. Sykes, Daniel Gress, B. A. Black, C. L. Noss, Dr. J. M. Runkle, R. F. Main, A. S. Lenhart, and Dr. D. B. Lady. D. B. L.

MRS. D. C. COX

Mrs. Mary Troy Cox, beloved wife of Rev. D. C. Cox, pastor of the Emanuel Charge, died at the parsonage of the charge in Thomasville, North Carolina, Wednesday night, June 4, 1919, at the age of 64 years. Funeral services were conducted the following Friday morning at Calvary Church by Rev. J. C. Leonard, D. D., assisted by Revs. J. A. Palmer and F. L. Fesperman. Rev. and Mrs. Cox were married in the year 1878, and lived happily together 41 years. They were the parents of three sons and seven daughters, all of whom are living and were present at the funeral. The youngest son, Carson, had just reached port from army service in France when the telegram reached him announcing his mother's death. Mrs. Cox

SARAH AMELIA DONAT

Mrs. Sarah Amelia Donat, wife of the Rev. W. D. Donat, Aaronsburg, Pa., departed this life on May 29th, 1919, aged 43 years, 10 months, 22 days. She was the daughter of George F. and Louisa Miller, and was born at Jonestown, Lebanon County, Pa., August 7th, 1875. Early in life she became an active worker in Church and Sunday School. Having a natural talent for music, she was especially active where these gifts were in demand. She was a faithful member of the Church choir for many years.

On May 12th, 1904, she was married to the Rev. W. D. Donat, then pastor of the Reformed Church at Jonestown, Pa. She became a true help-meet to her husband

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during his stay in this charge and subsequently when the family moved to Aaronsburg, Pa. She took an active interest in all her husband's work. Her sound judgment helped solve many of the problems which fall to the lot of an active pastor.

Mrs. Donat was of a quiet and retiring disposition, yet her modesty and meekness made her many friends, who continued to be her friends to the end of her days. Her illness, tuberculosis of the lungs, began to manifest itself some years ago. After spending several months at a sanitarium, she returned to her home much improved, and continued to show signs of improvement until December, 1918, when she again began to fail. She gradually declined until finally on May 29, she fell asleep in the Lord.

On Monday, June 2nd, funeral service was held in the Reformed Church at Aaronsburg, by the Rev. R. R. Jones, assisted by the Rev. Mr. Weaver, of the Lutheran Church, and by the Rev. Mr. Snyder, of the Evangelical Church. On the following day the mortal remains of Mrs. Donat were removed to their last resting place, Jacksonville, Lehigh County, Pa., where interment was made on Wednesday morning. Mrs. Donat is survived by her husband and one son.

R. R. Jones

MRS. MARY ANN ISENBERG

Mrs. Mary Ann Isenberg, widow of the late Joseph Isenberg, was buried from her late residence, McConnellstown, Pa., on June 4, 1919. She died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. C. Rufus McCarthy, South Bethlehem, Pa., where she had gone to secure medical treatment. Mrs. Isenberg, nee Norris, was born October 2, 1831, in Penn Township, Huntingdon County, Pa., and was of English extraction.

Mrs. Isenberg is survived by four children—Mrs. C. Rufus McCarthy, Warren D., Los Angeles, Cal., an attorney; Joseph Kieffer (a namesake of Rev. J. Spangler Kieffer, D. D., who was a pastor of the McConnellstown Charge), and Rev. J. M. S. (a namesake of Rev. James Milton Sangree, a native of McConnellstown), pastor of Trinity Church, Philadelphia.

Funeral services were conducted by Rev. Walter E. Garrett, pastor of the First Church, Philadelphia, a former pastor of the McConnellstown Charge, and who took up his residence in the Isenberg home in the first year of his ministry. Mrs. Isenberg was a queenly woman, possessed of a natural grace, a kindly spirit, and a sweet Christian character. She was a sufferer for many years, yet she bore all with Christian fortitude and maintained a cheerful outlook on life. Miss Alice Lang, who has been in the Isenberg home for the past 35 years, has been a most faithful friend, ministering to the deceased as a daughter would. Since Elder Isenberg's death, 17 years ago, Miss Lang and Mrs. Isenberg have been the sole occupants of the old homestead. Interment was made in the McConnellstown cemetery, by the side of her husband. Mrs. Isenberg had attained the ripe old age of 87 years, 7 months and 29 days. Though dead she "yet speaketh," for her influence will live on in her family as well as in the community in which she spent her long and useful life.

W. E. G.

MRS. LUTHER KEMP

Sallie Elizabeth Kemp, wife of Dr. Luther Kemp, an elder of Emmanuel (Baust) Reformed Church, Westminster, Md., died at her home in Uniontown, Md., on Friday morning, May 30, 1919. She was 53 years 11 months and 13 days of age.

Mrs. Kemp had been in poor health for some years, due to a weak heart. She had

recently shown signs of improvement and her death came as a shock to her many friends and relatives.

Mrs. Kemp was the daughter of John W. Weant and his wife, Hannah E. (nee Miller), and was born in Detour, Carroll County, Md. For many years her father was an elder in St. Paul's Reformed Church, Ladiesburg, Md. About 1886 she married Dr. Luther Kemp, and from then on until the time of her death she resided at Uniontown, Md.

Mrs. Kemp's personal charm and character were well-known throughout Maryland Classis and in the Woman's Missionary Society of the Classis, which she helped to organize. She was honored, respected and loved, and she took an interest in the society as long as her health permitted. She was a splendid example of a kind and consistent Christian. Though childless, many children will mourn her loss. Her charming personality radiated cheer and good will. There are hundreds that will mourn her, but over on the other shore another angel has been added to the host of heaven to sing the Redeemer's praise. She leaves a husband, four sisters and one brother.

The funeral was held from her home on Monday morning, June 2. It was conducted by her pastor, Rev. Paul D. Yoder, and her body laid to rest in the beautiful Baust Church Cemetery.

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